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Why a 2p tax cut will not do for the middle-class husband

BY ANATOLE KALETSKY
ECONOMICS EDITOR

KENNETH CLARKE would have to cut the standard rate of income tax by 8p in the pound to restore an average married male taxpayer to the position he briefly enjoyed in 1992-93 under the system announced by Norman Lamont just before the last general election — a system widely credited with helping the Conservatives to win.

Calculations by *The Times*, comparing those income tax schedules with the ones prevailing today, show that the increase in taxes on the married middle-class homeowners of "Middle Britain" has been much bigger than generally appreciated.

Tory backbenchers are pressing the Chancellor to court this core constituency by announcing a cut of one or two pence in the standard rate of income tax in his Budget next week. But the *Times* figures show that the extra burdens imposed by the present parliament are too heavy to be lifted in a single Budget or even in a rolling programme of tax cuts to fulfill John Major's "long-term aspiration" of a 20p standard rate of income tax. The only way to move the married taxpayers of Middle Britain back towards their 1992 position would be for Mr Clarke to concentrate resources on marriage and mortgage allowances, rather than on more visible reductions in the headline rate of tax.

The Times calculations show that a married taxpayer on average male full-time earnings of £19,532 with a non-working wife and a mortgage of more than £30,000 now pays 25.3 per cent of his earnings in income tax and national insurance contributions, compared with 20.1 per cent in 1992-93. That difference means a loss of £1,016 in take-home pay, quite apart from all the extra taxes being paid by consumers on fuel bills, insurance, petrol and tobacco. And it comes very close to the £1,250 "tax bombshell" which the Tories accused Labour of planning after the 1992 election.

If Mr Clarke cut the standard rate by 2p, the average earner's tax bill for next year would be reduced by £264, taking into account the likely growth in average earnings and the normal indexation of tax schedules and allowances. Even if the Chancellor could somehow find the money to slash the standard rate by 5p to 20p, the annual saving would still be only £659 — leaving the average married man almost £400 worse off than he would have been under the 1992 regime.

In fact, because of the way that personal allowances and lower-rate tax bands interact with the standard rate, the Chancellor would need to cut the standard rate by 8p to restore the £1,016 in take-home earnings.

A precise calculation taking into account the extra taxes levied on electricity, gas, insurance, petrol and tobacco — all of which have risen at unprecedented rates in the present Parliament — cannot be made because of the wide variations in consumption patterns. However it is clear that, under the present tax structure, there is no conceivable reduction in the standard rate that could restore married middle-class people, even in the long term, to the position they enjoyed in 1992.

These figures show that if Mr Clarke were serious about helping these people, he would spend most of the money available to him on restoring the value of personal and marriage allowances and mortgage tax relief. These less visible features of the tax structure, which have been dramatically cut back since 1992, actually have more impact on middle-class tax bills than the "headline" standard rate.

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Hussey to intervene over Panorama

Palace row threatens to split BBC

BY ALAN HAMILTON AND ALEXANDRA FREAN

MARMADUKE HUSSEY, the BBC chairman, has been forced to re-examine the corporation's special relationship with Buckingham Palace in the wake of tonight's *Panorama* interview with the Princess of Wales.

The Princess's stipulation that the BBC should inform no-one about her appearance until after the programme had been made could cause a serious rift between the guardians of the BBC charter, led by Mr Hussey, and its programme makers, led by the Director-General John Birt.

The interview has caused intense embarrassment in the higher reaches of the BBC, and Mr Hussey indicated that he would make a public statement about the way the corporation handled the programme after it was screened to an expected audience of 15 million tonight. He said: "The governors cannot judge the programme or the context in which it has been made, until after it has been shown and been seen."

Palace officials remain incensed, not so much at the content of an hour-long interview they have not seen, as at the secrecy with which it was made, breaching an informal but long-standing agreement that the Queen is informed of any royal filming. Neither the Palace nor the BBC's board of governors — including Mr Hussey — knew of the programme until the Princess telephoned the Queen's private secretary last week.

But Tim Gardam, head of weekly programmes at BBC News and Current Affairs, says in an article in *The Times* today that it would have been wrong of the BBC or any other journalist to conduct the interview and then disregard the Princess's wish that the Palace should not be told.

Lord Wakeham, chairman of the Press Complaints Commission, meanwhile gave a warning that the privacy sought by public figures — including the Princess — could be compromised if those same figures voluntarily brought their private lives into the public domain. "Those who do that may place themselves beyond the Press Complaints Commission's protection, and must bear the consequences of their actions," he said.

Last month Lord Wakeham was a guest at a dinner party where the Princess called for a privacy law to protect public figures from media intrusion. He rejected her demands, and cautioned her against manipulating the media.

Lord Wakeham's stance is, however, challenged in a letter to *The Times* today from Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, who says he has no right to pronounce on the Princess unless he has received a specific complaint from her.

The *Panorama* interview itself is said to contain no dramatic revelations. Although the BBC dismissed Sunday newspaper reports of its content as speculation, it is clear that the Princess takes a positive stance, avoiding obvious recriminations against the Prince of Wales and advertising herself as a woman with a potential influential role to play as an unofficial ambassador for Britain.

Sources close to Mr Hussey said that reports that he is furious about the programme are wrong, although privately he wishes that it had never been made. Mr Hussey, whose wife is a lady-in-waiting to the Queen, believes it has placed him in an extremely delicate situation, for which normal BBC and Palace protocol has no exact rules.

BBC programme makers have denied keeping their chairman deliberately in the dark, arguing that they were following normal guidelines which do not ordinarily require him to be informed of forthcoming programmes. Critics argue, however, that the Princess is not an ordinary person, and that the BBC has a special relationship with the monarchy which places special obligations upon it.

Supporters of the programme argue that if the BBC, believing that the Queen might veto all or part of the programme, had forewarned the Palace, the corporation would have been party to silencing the Princess and suppressing freedom of speech. Tony Hall, managing director of BBC news and current affairs, yesterday defended the interview as a piece of responsible journalistic inquiry. It was a perfectly legitimate piece of work, and the Princess had a perfect right to tell her story, he said.

The BBC expects the biggest audience for any of its programmes since Mr Darcy married Elizabeth, and certainly for any current affairs programme in recent memory. Among the few who will not be watching are the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, attending the Royal Variety Performance, the Prime Minister, attending the Lord Mayor's banquet at Guildhall, and the Princess herself, attending a cancer charity function. The Prince of Wales, however, has no official engagements between 9.40 and 10.40.

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The Queen leaving Sandringham Church yesterday morning. She will not watch Panorama tonight

Suicide bomb kills 17 at embassy

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THREE rival Islamic groups claimed responsibility yesterday for a car bomb which wrecked the Egyptian Embassy in Islamabad, the Pakistani capital, killing 17 people.

Two Egyptian diplomats were among those who died in the blast, believed to have been carried out by a suicide bomber in a van. A further 60 people were wounded. Windows of nearby buildings including some embassies were broken.

Claims of responsibility were received by international news organisations in Cairo from the Gamaa al-Islamiya (the Islamic Group), Jihad (holy war) and the International Justice Group.

Gamaa, which tried to kill President Mubarak of Egypt in Ethiopia in June, called within two hours of the blast to say it was responsible. Jihad, the group that assassinated President Sadat in 1981 also said it was behind the bombing. Jihad and Gamaa are believed to have co-operated in the past.

President Mubarak condemned the attack as "an evil crime" and sent a 15-man security team to Pakistan.

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Walesa fights to hold power

Polish leader Lech Walesa was last night fighting hard to retain power after opinion surveys showed him to be running neck and neck with his ex-communist rival Aleksander Kwasniewski in the final round of presidential elections.

Early Polish television predictions gave the former solidarity chief a slight lead, with 51.1 per cent against Mr Kwasniewski's 48.9 per cent ..... Page 10

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Building society puts its faith in sky-high finance

BY JOE JOSEPH

THE Abbey National has discovered the key to Britain's financial wellbeing: Kenneth Clarke, who is wrestling with his Budget speech, should study the stars. To make his life easier still, the Chancellor's nearest Abbey National branch can supply him with a booklet about stellar finance.

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The 16-page booklet, entitled *Your Astrological Guide To A Secure Future*, offers financial tips for each Zodiac sign from astrologist Jonathan Cainer.

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Cainer: financial tips for signs of the Zodiac

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Does this mean that Abbey's investment fund managers and actuaries consult the stars when framing their strategy? Tina Bennett, an Abbey National spokeswoman, said: "Er, no, I'm afraid not. They're more scientific than that."

Major faces Tory revolt on currency

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND JAMES LANDALE

JOHN MAJOR was warned last night that he faces a fresh bout of Conservative infighting over Europe if he makes a manifesto pledge to keep Britain out of a European single currency until 2002.

The Prime Minister, who has come under Euro-sceptic pressure to rule out a single currency during the next Parliament, faces a counter-attack by the pro-European wing of the party.

Senior Tories made clear that they would publicly disown any manifesto promise that would exclude Britain from the hard core of European states embarking on monetary union.

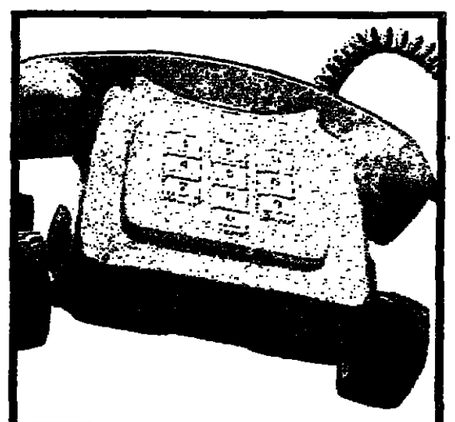
The threat of renewed internal warfare came on the eve of a keynote speech by Mr Major in which he will make clear that he will not be rushed into a decision on a single currency.

The Prime Minister will issue a warning about the dangers of a hasty inauguration of monetary union by saying that its adoption by an inner core of EU countries could destroy the single market. In a speech to the Lord Mayor's banquet, Mr Major will make clear that European leaders should take time in considering the implications of the three "great issues", a single currency, enlargement and the issues of competitiveness and job creation.

However, pro-European Tories made clear their dismay at the party's shift towards the Euro-sceptic wing since Mr Major's re-election as leader in July and warned the Prime Minister that he faced a "showdown" if he took up calls to rule out a single currency.

Their anger comes against a background in which Mr Major's closest allies have called on him to make ruling out a single currency a key part of the Tories' general election

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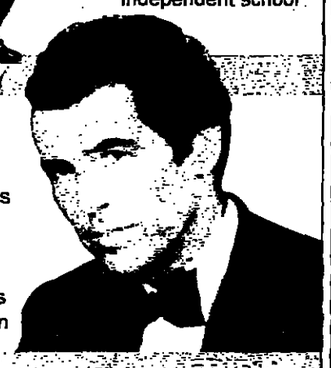
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Labour attempts to outflank Tories on income tax with timetable for cuts

Brown pledges basic tax rate of 10p

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

GORDON BROWN stepped up Labour's attempt to outmanoeuvre the Tories on taxation yesterday by setting out a provisional timetable for his plans to cut the starting rate of income tax to 10p in the pound.

As the Shadow Chancellor came under heavy criticism from Cabinet ministers and some tax experts, he made clear that the proposal to drop the lowest level of tax from 20p to 15p would be achievable within Labour's first term of government. Senior Labour figures also insisted that Mr Brown's "long-term objective" of reducing the starting rate of tax to 10p would be implemented within a decade, under a second term of government.

The Shadow Chancellor will use a keynote speech today to draw clear divisions between Labour and the Conservatives over their policies to reduce taxation. He will make clear that Labour's tax-cutting proposals would apply to all taxpayers, while John Major's long-term aim of abolishing capital gains and inheritance tax would benefit only a tiny number of people.

Mr Brown will tell his audience in London: "Nothing could better illustrate the problems with the Conservative appproach to tax. This proposal is unfair, since half the benefit of this tax cut will go to just 5,000 of the richest people in Britain."

He said that his proposals, which would eventually make all taxpayers £6 a week better off, were more "ethical" than those of the Tories which would cost the Treasury almost £5 billion but would benefit only 16,000 people.

Yesterday, Mr Brown tried to head off Tory claims that introducing a 10p rate would cost more than £6 billion and would be unaffordable. However, Labour sources pointed out that that the 10p tax level might not extend as wide as the present £3,200 of taxable income on which the lowest level of tax is charged at 20p.

Labour leaders believe the announcement will mark clear differences between their plans and those of the Government, against accusations that Tony Blair's party has proved unable to prepare distinctive tax policies. Mr Brown made clear that the tax cuts would be made alongside plans for gradual adjustments in housing benefit and family credit so that people would not lose out as they took up jobs.

The move came as Mr Brown was yesterday forced to fight off reports that he suffered heavy criticism from shadow cabinet colleagues over his decision to announce plans to force young unemployed to join work training schemes. Front-benchers at the meeting said that the Shadow Chancellor had faced criticism for unveiling his proposals through a newspapr interview without fully consulting colleagues.

Labour's tax announcement was a clear attempt to pre-empt next week's Budget in which Kenneth Clarke is expected to offer substantial tax cuts. Brian Mawhinney, the Conservative Party chairman, said on BBC Radio's *World at One*: "Labour these days are all about soundbites that are designed to create one impression while the reality lies elsewhere. Nobody in the country believes they are capable of resisting their spending instincts so as to afford tax cuts."

Andrew Dilnot, director of the Institute of Fiscal Studies, branded the new tax plans as a "gimmick. I think there is no question . . . that if Gordon Brown is serious about trying to do the best for those on low incomes through the tax system, he should use any money he has got to increase the tax allowances. There is no doubt that that will be more effective."

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, attacked Mr Brown's proposals as the "politics of motherhood and apple-pie. Everyone is in favour of it. What matters is what they will actually do. Labour are so trapped by their past record on tax that they won't commit themselves to anything."

☐ John Major will tonight challenge Labour's attempt to seize the initiative on taxation by underlining that Tories remain the party of low taxation. In a speech to the Lord Mayor's Banquet in London, Mr Major will emphasise the importance of cutting taxes to levels that exist in competing countries, especially the Pacific Rim nations.

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Pledge on currency stirs Tories

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campaign strategy. Peter Temple-Morris, a leading member of the Positive European Group of Tory backbenchers, said that up to 20 colleagues would publicly oppose any move to fight an election campaign on such a manifesto pledge.

"I would feel obliged publicly — because I feel very strongly about it and others would, I think, do the same thing — to disown that part of the manifesto," he said. "You are reaching up to certainly double figures that would dissociate themselves, 10 to 20 perhaps in varying degrees of intensity, from the manifesto."

Other pro-European Tories went further and said that Mr Temple-Morris was understating the number of potential rebels. "The number of MPs who would be outraged and make trouble would be bigger," said one leading supporter of a single currency. "More than 20 would refuse to have anything to do with it."

He said that the Tory Right's new demand for a manifesto commitment against a single currency was a clear breach of the "ceasefire agreement" between the pro- and anti-Europeans carved out after the leadership election.

Another pro-Europe Tory MP said that if joining a single currency was ruled out in the manifesto, "then it is showdown time. That is the Rubicon".

Close colleagues of the Prime Minister said last night that it would not be unusual to fight an election on a European platform that was opposed by some MPs.

However, they pointed to a newspaper interview last week in which Mr Major had made clear that he did not want to rule out a single currency as such a move would damage Britain's influence in Europe.

STEVE HILL



Star role: Kelly Hunter, 31, whose roles have ranged from Royal Shakespeare Company productions to the television thriller *Prime Suspect 3*, pictured yesterday after being named best actress at the Theatre Awards in Birmingham

Dublin cautious on Major's new peace initiative

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Irish Government and Sinn Fein responded coolly yesterday to John Major's latest proposals on the peace process, which were studied over the weekend by John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister.

A senior Irish source expressed concern that Britain appeared to be sticking to its insistence that the IRA decommission some arms before all-party talks. Sinn Fein has rejected the demand and the Irish source made clear that Dublin would not launch any Anglo-Irish initiative without the support of Sinn Fein.

Mr Major's proposals include:

☐ setting a target date for the start of all-party talks including Sinn Fein;

☐ allowing Sinn Fein to raise its concerns about the British Army and the RUC with a proposed international disarmament commission;

☐ excluding from the remit of the commission the "Washington Three" principle, which calls on the IRA to decommission some of its arms before all-party talks.

Dublin was encouraged by the second proposal because, another Irish source said, it indicated that Britain was prepared to allow Sinn Fein to hold discussions with the commission within the context of demilitarisation — Sinn Fein's word for describing the disarming of all "armed groups". The source made clear, however, that there could be little progress until Britain relaxed its stance on the "Washington Three" principle.

The source said last night: "There are some promising things in the proposals, but there are other areas that need further work. We will spend the next few days considering whether the whole of Mr Major's package offers a way forward."

Martin McGuinness, who has been leading Sinn Fein's talks with the Government, complained in the wake of reports that the Prime Minister is planning to emphasise Unionist proposals to establish an elected convention to discuss Northern Ireland's political future. In an interview on BBC1's *On the Record*, Mr McGuinness said: "At this point in time we are seeing the British Government running quite proactively on a Unionist agenda and giving succour to their proposals. This effectively makes sure that the whole approach of the twin track is one which is loaded completely with British Government and Unionist vetoes."

A senior republican source said there could be no movement until Britain dropped "Washington Three".

Bruton plea for voters to end ban on divorce

JOHN BRUTON, the Irish Prime Minister, yesterday called for a "yes" vote in this week's referendum on whether divorce should be legalised (Nicholas Watt writes).

The Taoiseach told the RTE radio station that a defeat for legalisation would damage his efforts for reconciliation in Northern Ireland. Many Unionists believe that the Republic's constitutional ban on divorce reflects the power of the Roman Catholic Church.

During a lengthy interview, Mr Bruton said: "The institution of marriage will actually be more damaged by a "no" vote. It will be a setback for everybody in this country, it will be a setback for the 80,000 people who would like to know they could be free to remarry."

There is growing concern within the Government that it could lose Friday's referendum. The latest poll showed that support for a "yes" vote had slumped to 47 per cent from 61 per cent in October. Before the last referendum in 1986 the "yes" vote fell sharply and opponents of divorce won with 63.1 per cent of the vote.

Every political party represented in the Dail is campaigning for the ban on divorce to be ended. But anti-divorce groups have issued warnings that this would lead to the breakdown of the Irish family. They are backed by the Roman Catholic Irish Bishops' Conference.

Man, 19, accused of killing Naomi Smith

A man was charged yesterday with the murder of Naomi Smith. Edwin Hopkins, 19, of Ansley Common, Warwickshire, will appear before Nuneaton magistrates this morning.

Police released a man aged 45 and a 42-year-old woman who were also being questioned in connection with the murder. They are on bail pending further inquiries into offences of assisting an offender, police said.

Naomi, 15, was found stabbed and mutilated 200 yards from her home in Ansley Common on September 14. Her father, Brian, 45, and her best friend Emma Jones discovered her body lying beneath a slide at a children's playground. Naomi had gone out that evening to post a letter but never returned home. DNA samples were taken from up to 800 men in the hunt for the killer.

Suspicious fire kills four

A fire that killed four people, injured two others and gutted flats above a 24-hour grocery is being treated as suspicious by police. Firefighters, who took two hours to control the blaze, found the bodies of two women and a man in a third-floor flat above the shop on Shepherds Bush Green, west London. Three others — two men and a woman — leapt from a first-floor window on to the shop awning, but one man died in hospital. One survivor has a broken wrist and the other minor burns and back injuries.

Queen Mother rests

Prince Edward visited Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother yesterday at King Edward VII Hospital for Officers where she was "continuing to recuperate" after her hip replacement operation last Thursday, Buckingham Palace said. She exercised with the help of a physiotherapist but otherwise spent a quiet day. The Prince of Wales visited on Saturday and said his grandmother was in "excellent spirits". The Queen, who was at Sandringham yesterday, is expected at the hospital today.

Hard day's night for fans

Beatle fans were up before dawn today to hear the group's first single for 25 years. *Free as a Bird* is taken from the heavily hyped new album *Anthology 1*, copies of which arrived from Holland under guard at the famous Abbey Road studios at 3am. The song was expected to be on the air within an hour. Shops in London and Liverpool will open at midnight to sell the album, which goes on general release tomorrow morning. Worldwide orders have topped five million, according to the record company Parlophone.

Drugs girl collapses

A teenage girl was comfortable in intensive care in Perth Royal Infirmary last night after collapsing when she took drugs in a club on Saturday night. The 17-year-old, whose parents asked for her name not to be released, is believed to have taken an amphetamine-based white power.

■ Police investigating the death of Leah Betts, who died last week after taking Ecstasy, are questioning four people after seizing 900 tablets of the drug in a raid on a cafe in Brentwood, Essex, after a tip-off.

QE2 hygiene criticised

The *QE2* suffered another blow to its reputation yesterday with the leak of documents criticising hygiene standards. The latest embarrassment comes a year after the cruise liner was declared unfit to sail after a £30 million refit. An inspection by the Southampton Port Authority on October 15 found the kitchen of the Queen's Grill Lounge unsatisfactory and served a legal notice on the ship's owners, Trafalgar House, demanding a change to the ship's management practices relating to public health standards.

Darcy's shirt costs £500

The shirt a million women wanted to unbutton attracted few women to the BBC in Wood Lane, west London, where the garment worn by Colin Firth as Mr Darcy, haughty hero in its recent *Pride and Prejudice* production, was auctioned for £500 to an anonymous female fan. The BBC's Children in Need sale raised £1,100. Items doing less well included an outfit worn by Julie Goodyear — Bet Lynch in *Coronation Street* (£48). The former madam Cynthia Payne's riding crop and high-heeled shoes fetched £50.

Civil Service ready for Blair, says Sir Robin

BY NIGEL WILLIAMSON, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

SIR ROBIN BUTLER, the Cabinet Secretary, has started a charm offensive aimed at convincing Tony Blair that a Labour administration would have nothing to fear from the senior Civil Service and should keep him at its head.

More than 16 years of Conservative government had not politicised the Civil Service, Sir Robin told *The Times*. In a frank interview, the Prime Minister's senior adviser said that he hoped to keep his job under a Labour government: if he were removed it would undermine the tradition of Civil Service impartiality.

The interview took place immediately after Sir Robin had listened to Derek Foster, Labour's public service spokesman, tell a conference that an incoming Labour government would want a rejuvenated Civil Service, starting at the very top. Mr Foster said: "Civil servants will be judged by their willingness to embrace change."

In what Sir Robin described as "a rare foray" into the public arena, he said: "If there is a change of government, the Civil Service will want to prove it is as committed to a new government as it has been to past governments."

Moving to dispel traditional Labour fears that the Civil Service is inherently conservative and has not remained immune to the philosophy of the present Government, Sir Robin said: "Politicians who start from a very strong ideological view find it difficult to understand the Civil Service mentality. They find it difficult to understand that people can work for an ideological government and not share its views."



Sir Robin: strong defence of Whitehall

Sir Robin, 57, has just over two years until retirement, which would take him through to the other side of a general election. There has been speculation that a Labour government will want to oust him swiftly. Some Labour figures have openly accused him of being too closely identified with Margaret Thatcher and now John Major. Sir Robin said: "If my position wasn't acceptable to an incoming government, that would weaken the tradition of impartiality."

Sir Robin said he hoped a Labour government "would take "a bit of time" to look around and appoint a successor when he retired. Any government, whether headed by Mr Major or Mr Blair, would receive only frank and honest advice. "It can never be for the Cabinet Secretary or any other official to say 'you can't do that'. Our role is advisory."

Sir Robin suggested there was a danger that greater public accountability meant civil servants' actions could be misinterpreted as political bias. While he welcomed greater scrutiny he said: "Because the Civil Service has to work for the government of the day, they are asked to expound government policy. But that can be misinterpreted as defending and justifying government policy."

The reception room outside Sir Robin's private office is the model for Sir Humphrey Appleby's room in *Yes Prime Minister*. He conceded: "There are moments when I am sitting here and I think this is very near *Yes Minister* or *Yes Prime Minister*."

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Burns festival hit by troubles that dogged poet's life

By Gillian Bowditch
Scotland Correspondent

A FESTIVAL marking the bicentenary of Robert Burns's death has been thrown into disarray by the two elements that vexed Scotland's national poet during his life: sex and money.

The Burns International Festival, a year-long, Scotland-wide celebration whose patron is the Princess Royal, is £100,000 short of funds despite being due to start in less than eight weeks. Finding sponsors has not been helped by the disappearance of its chairman, Eric Rowe.

Mr Rowe, who had been the councillor for Mauchline in Strathclyde for seven years, left his wife and children and disappeared with another woman several weeks ago. He left the day after the Princess Royal unveiled a statue of Burns and formally launched the event, the biggest Burns festival yet. After several weeks, when none of his colleagues knew where he was, he wrote to resign his post.

The festival, which is being promoted internationally by the Scottish Tourist Board, has been dogged by controversy. It has been criticised for being slow off the mark, inadequate planning and failing to consult local organisations. The organisation of some events has been left to the last minute.

The post of chairman has now been filled by Donald Urquhart, a councillor for Nithsdale, Dumfries and Galloway, but the burden of the organisation has been shouldered by John Struthers, a former director of the Exeter & Devon Arts Centre.

Critics say he has done as well as can be expected with the limited resources, but planning for a festival of this magnitude should have started years ago.

One highly respected figure in the Scottish arts scene said: "John Struthers is a one-man band trying to raise hundreds of thousands of pounds of sponsorship for a whole year of events. He just does not have the staff he needs.

"This sort of festival needs years of advanced planning. By June this year there was very little in the bag. If it is billed as an international festival and tourists are being urged to come from abroad then there has to be enough high quality events," he added.

"People have to feel they are getting value for money. You can't promise the earth and then not deliver the goods. I don't think the festival will be strong enough to pull in tourists on its own."

Ken Bruce, a senior consultant with Barkers Scotland, which is handling festival publicity, said there had been problems but he denied that Mr Rowe's sudden departure has caused potential sponsors to think again.

"We already have £150,000 worth of sponsorship and we are talking to five or six companies at present. As far as Mr Rowe's departure is concerned, it's business as usual.

"There have been criticisms and I think it is fair to say with hindsight we were slow to start but we are now in full swing. I am very confident we will get the necessary sponsorship," he said.

There is also some concern about the quality of the events. The festival has yet to secure a big-name star although it is in negotiations with Billy Connolly and the Scottish band RunRig.

On Burns night itself — January 25 — there will be a "worldwide Burns supper" with representatives of the many hundreds of Burns societies invited to Ayr to partake of haggis and a dram. The venue will be linked by satellite with Burns suppers taking place around the world.

The Scottish Tourist Board is distributing more than one million leaflets to advertise the festival worldwide and hoteliers are being sent on Burns awareness courses.

Despite all the efforts, critics believe the festival is unlikely to attract the £4 million of extra revenue to Ayrshire and Dumfries and Galloway which the organisers are predicting.

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Till he forgets his loves and debts,
An' minds his griefs no more.

Robert Burns



Rowe: disappeared with another woman



Burns: bicentenary of his death



The Morley children, who are members of Sutton Community Music Centre band, which does charitable work, and play classical music individually

Discord over sound of music

By Helen Johnstone

FIVE young musicians who play for charity are being taken to court by a neighbour to stop their daily practising at home.

The Morley children, Samantha, 17, Elizabeth, 13, Kathryn, 10, Michael, 8, and Steven, 4, from St Helens, Merseyside, play a variety of instruments including the guitar, saxophone, drums, clarinet and cornet. They agreed to practise for just one hour a day after their neighbour Michelle Morley (no relation) complained to noise-pollution officials.

Their children's parents, Alan and Barbara, built a double-glazed conservatory onto their house to contain the sound. Miss Morley is seeking an injunction to stop them practising after claiming they had broken the agreement.

A spokesman for St Helens council confirmed that, over a two-day study, the children had not played outside the designated times. The case is to be heard at St Helens County Court tomorrow.



Barbara and Alan Morley: have built a conservatory

Amis offered chance to rewrite awards saga

By Dalya Alberge
Arts Correspondent

JUST weeks after his book about a failed novelist was rejected by the Booker Prize judges, Martin Amis has been shortlisted for the Whitbread Novel Award. He will, however, face stiff competition from the eventual winner of the Booker: Pat Barker, Salman Rushdie and Justin Cartwright were also shortlisted.

Amis nearly missed out on the Whitbread shortlist, too. The three judges were passionately divided over whether to include *The Information*, for which he earned a £500,000 advance. "It was the most contentious book on the list," one source said. They argued over whether it was "too clever and opaque".

The book received mixed reviews but its exclusion from the Booker shortlist shocked the literary world. The judges were accused of snubbing Amis in limiting their list to just five names instead of the usual six.

The fight for the £21,000 Whitbread award is therefore expected to be between Barker's *The Ghost Road*, a story of death and sex in the First World War trenches, and Rushdie's *The Moor's Last Sigh*, a tragicomic story set in modern India and Moorish Granada. Rushdie won the 1988 Whitbread Novel Award for *The Satanic Verses*.

Cartwright, who has been nominated for *In Every Face I Meet*, once said that he had been shortlisted for so many prizes, his health was suffering from constant tantalisation.

The second-most contentious title on the Whitbread shortlist, according to the source, was Kazuo Ishiguro's *The Unconsoled*, which inspired such scathing reviews that the novelist Anita Brookner penned a vigorous defence in *The Spectator*. Hearing news of its Whitbread selection yesterday, Brookner said: "I'm delighted. It is one of the most original novels produced this year, too original for many of the critics to respond."

One of the Whitbread judges, Joe Sinyor, managing director of Dillons bookstores, said: "It is a terrifically strong list, better than for several years. We all thought the range and diversity of the books was very stimulating." He described Barker's novel as "a wonderful read, with a fine eye for detail", and Rushdie's as a "mindblowing book which will live on in the memory". The other judges are Candia McWilliam, the author, and Miriam Gross, literary editor of *The Sunday Telegraph*.

The shortlist for the other four categories in the twenty-fifth Whitbread literary awards will be announced this week. The winners will be announced on January 4, and the overall Book of the Year on January 23.

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Lincoln sued over 'sex harassment'

By Andrew Pierce

A WOMAN verger who alleged that she had an affair with the Dean of Lincoln will reopen the bitter controversy when she claims sexual harassment at an industrial tribunal.

Verity Freestone, 32, who has now left the Church of England and no longer considers herself a Christian, will be seeking compensation from her former employers at Lincoln Cathedral.

The move was disclosed yesterday hours after the Bishop of Lincoln, the Right Rev Robert Hardy, threatened to resign if a solution could not be found to continuing turmoil surrounding the dean, the Very Rev Brandon Jackson.

At Sunday service yesterday, Mr Jackson, 61, was buoyed by messages of support from the congregation. Last night he said: "I have never dreamt of resigning. I shall stay." The dean, who claims he has remained the target of "intrigue in the chapter" will vigorously contest the latest claim.

In July, he was cleared by a consistory court of "conduct unbecoming Holy Orders" after Miss Freestone claimed that they had a sexual relationship. Miss Freestone, who has instructed solicitors to act on her behalf, is suing the dean and chapter because she claims she was forced to leave her job as verger because of sexual harassment.

Mr Jackson, who is married with three children, denied her claims that they had an eight-week affair between October and December 1993. He told the consistory hearing that he might have blown down her neck "for a joke" during a church procession, and might have hugged Miss Freestone at the deanery.

He told the court: "She was desperately in need of physical affection. An arm round the shoulder is almost a pastoral necessity. Jesus touched people."

Miss Freestone, now a nursing home care assistant, took up her post as verger in April 1993. She left in July the same year. Gilbert Blades, her solicitor, yesterday confirmed she was taking the dean and chapter to a tribunal, but declined to comment further.

The dean, a former provost of Bradford, was appointed to the Lincoln post in 1989 by Margaret Thatcher. A bishop is appointed by the Queen and has jurisdiction over the diocese but not the cathedral.

The minster's governing body, the General Chapter, is expected to meet in the new year to discuss the position.



Freestone: claims she was forced out



Jackson: cleared of "conduct unbecoming"

Princess interview interests public but is also in the public interest

By Tim Gardam

IT WAS inevitable that the *Panorama* interview with the Princess of Wales should face questions — not only about what it contains, but also about whether it should ever have happened.

In recent years, covering the sad story of the breakdown of the marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales has not proved easy for BBC journalists. No other story has been so infected with unattributable and unverifiable exclusives, a mill of unsubstantiated and often surreal tittle-tattle.

It is not the stuff of which a reputation for trusted, accurate and impartial journalism is made. Yet out of this labyrinth there has emerged a serious and unsettling debate about the role of some members of the Royal Family and the future relationship of the monarchy to the nation. Such issues are clearly central to the BBC's editorial purpose and, if there is a criticism of the BBC, it may be that for too long it allowed these important questions to be considered elsewhere, largely in the idiom of the tabloid press.

Tonight's interview allows the Princess of Wales to speak for herself and to be asked questions which she can answer directly. It offers a basis for serious-minded, impartial discussion of an issue that, however regrettably, has come to be at the heart of our national life.

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The programme will obviously be of enormous interest to the public, but is it in the public interest? The Princess leaves this week on an official visit to Argentina. It is a visit enouraged by the Foreign Office. Separated from her husband she remains Princess of Wales. Yet this is not an uncontroversial role. At one stage, she announced she would retreat into private life, now she is to be "an ambassador" for her country. The unresolved questions about the Princess's public role and the future of her marriage are indivisible.

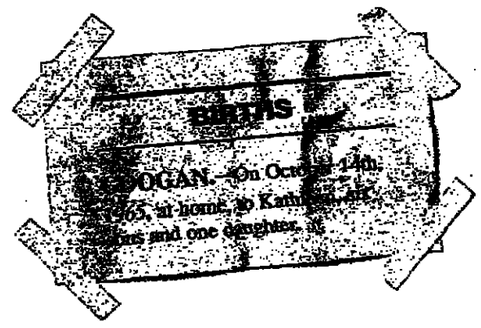
There are serious matters and appropriate questions for a responsible journalist to consider. When Martin Bashir began to research a story on the future status of the royal marriage and its implications, he scarcely expected the Princess of Wales to grant him an interview. As any good journalist — and I know of few better — he set out to focus on what was of significance and to get to the heart of the issue.

The Princess set no editorial conditions and made it clear that she wished herself to inform the Palace of the interview, and that she did not wish to do so until the interview had taken place. This is a decision that she made on her own account and it would have been quite wrong for the BBC or any other journalist to do the interview and then disregard her. Once she had informed the Palace, the BBC immediately did the same.

The interview allows the Princess to put her side of her story. It also asks her to respond to questions about her future role and conduct in public life, to criticism of her responsibility in the damage done to the monarchy, and the consequences this may have for its future. Tonight, everyone can make their own judgment on the programme.

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Labour officials are urged to intervene

Beleaguered councillors spend £7,000 on summit

BY ANDREW PIERCE

A LONDON Labour council which is the subject of serious allegations has spent thousand of pounds on a weekend summit to improve its image. More than 25 councillors from Tower Hamlets, east London, one of Britain's poorest boroughs, held a think-tank session at public expense at a hotel in Waltham Abbey, Essex.

The council is about to cut £2 million to balance its budget. It spent £7,000 on the weekend at the four-star Swallow Hotel, which has an indoor swimming pool and health club. Opposition Liberal Democrat councillors boycotted it.

A small group of the 43 Labour councillors is urging the regional London Labour leadership to intervene in Tower Hamlets or risk a public relations disaster on the scale of Walsall, where the district Labour Party was suspended.

Allegations about the activities of the Tower Hamlets Labour group, which swept back to power in May 1994 after eight years of Liberal Democrat control, have been passed to *The Times*.

They include: Dennis Twomey, the council leader, faces legal action after writing a memorandum in which he accused a local businessman of being "one of the major players in heavy end crime (drugs, extortion, protection rackets, large VAT frauds)". Mr Twomey also named a Labour councillor as being a close associate of the businessman in the memo which he sent to Terry Ashton, the secretary of the London Labour Party. He has apologised to the councillor.

Sunahwar Ali, the Labour chairman of the development sub-committee, ran a restaurant for two years which he sold when he became a councillor in May 1994. The restaurant has never had planning permission. Mr Ali is still named on the lease of the property. He said: "I have sold it. My name should come off the lease. It's nothing to do with me." The restaurant is run by nephew of Mr Ali's brother-in-law. Councillors are aware of the situation.

Ghulan Mortuza, the Labour mayor, was the subject of an internal investigation after seeking a local authority-funded extension, which would have cost up to £20,000, to his council house. The mayor claimed that he needed the extension because he performs civic duties at home. His term of office ends in May. The council rejected his application. New guidelines for councillors seeking local authority funds may now be issued. Mr Mortuza hopes to fight the safe Labour seat of Bethnal Green and Bow at the general election.

The council is paying its director of social services £60,000 to go to Birmingham University. When the two-year secondment is over she will have the option of early retirement on a £30,000 pension. Another senior officer was paid £90,000 to stay at home for 15 months after Labour returned to power. In September he was given a £107,000 redundancy package.

Sylvie Pierce, the chief executive, in a confidential 52-page report which was discussed at the weekend summit, had a stark warning. She wrote: "Staff are often demotivated and frightened. The staff are not very brave, lack a sense of direction, are fearful of putting their heads over the parapet. There seems to be some confusion among staff about which services we are delivering from which office. We are seen as having a bunker mentality. Happy to sit inside our fortress and criticise the outside world, reluctant to get our hands dirty, and get involved in changing things."

Mr Twomey conceded that the Labour group was split. "It is no secret we have a variety of views. There are considerable problems about the way the council functions. We are not in decline. We are trying to deal with the aftermath of eight years of Liberal Democrat rule."



Fashion launch: models will demonstrate the idea

New-look Army parades kit for all occasions

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

A NEW style of combat uniform that will give soldiers a battlefield wardrobe for every type of climate and terrain is to be launched tomorrow, for introduction throughout the Army over the next three years at a cost of £40 million.

The existing basic uniform of standard shirt, pullover and combat suit will be replaced with an array of lightweight "layered garments" which can be added or removed to suit particular weather conditions and types of military activity.

The first unit to receive the new combat uniform will be the 1st Battalion the Queen's Lancashire Regiment, based at Tidworth, Wiltshire. The new clothing programme, called Combat Soldier '95, will be launched at its barracks, with professional models demonstrating the layers in front of an invited audience including defence attaches from up to 80 countries and senior commanders from the three Armed Services.

The "designer" clothes, developed by the Army's directorate of clothing and textiles, have been tested in the field over the past two years by The Royal Green Jackets. The Royal Marines and RAF Regiment have also tried them.

An Army spokesman described the new combat uniform as an "onion skin". Every item is lightweight, from the camouflaged shirt and trousers to the quick-dry cotton field jacket. The first layer is a T-shirt for the summer and a zipped roll-neck Norwegian shirt for the winter. Over this goes a combat suit which can include a fur-pile liner, or a Gore-Tex jacket and trousers.

The mid-thigh length windproof field jacket has a concealed hood and special pockets for maps.

Soldiers already have a new combat assault boot, among a range of footwear including jungle and desert boots. From next month, all three Armed Forces are to be issued with a new loose-fitting pullover made with improved fire-retardant material.

RAF satellite link open to jamming

THE RAF is developing an antenna to protect all its aircraft because the satellite-linked navigation system it uses can be jammed by enemy electronic warfare (Michael Evans writes).

The American global positioning system (GPS), linked to 24 satellites and available to every yachtsman, car driver and hill climber as well as the military, sends only a weak signal to earth, making it vulnerable to interference. The RAF is to test a new anti-jamming device on a Hercules transport aircraft over Cardigan Bay. The trial will affect all GPS-owners in the area.

The Ministry of Defence will notify the Civil Aviation Authority and other organisations to ensure that anyone relying on GPS at the time will be warned to use a back-up system.

The pocket-sized device, which can be bought for £130, is so widely used in the civilian world that the ministry has been inundated with calls from the public since the anti-jamming trial was confirmed. GPS enables servicemen, whether in a warship, a tank in the desert or a fighter aircraft, to know where they are to within a few centimetres. It is owned and controlled by the United States.

When it went on the commercial market, the Pentagon made sure that the signal for use by civilians and non-Nato countries was degraded to be accurate to 100 metres.

MEDICAL BRIEFING

When the gentle touch can be fatal

A visit to London nearly ended in tragedy last week for Alan Sidney and his family from Sunderland. After feeding peanuts to the ducks in St James's Park he clasped the hand of his daughter Elizabeth, 5, and the traces of peanut oil set off a potentially fatal allergic reaction.

First Elizabeth's hand began to swell and the skin blistered, then the arm and the rest of her body were affected. Her face and mouth became so swollen that her breathing was restricted. Lorraine Sidney described her daughter as looking like the Elephant Man.

Fortunately the family knew that immediate action is essential when there are signs of anaphylactic reaction and Elizabeth was taken to the nearest chemist. The pharmacist called paramedics who gave first-aid treatment before taking the girl to hospital. Even the time taken for that journey could have proved fatal; a subcutaneous injection of adrenalin at the standard dilution of 1-in-1,000 is needed immediately.

A dose of 0.33 to 0.5ml of 1-in-1,000 adrenalin given under the skin, a very simple procedure which can be done by anyone, is usually enough to save a patient if the attack has not progressed beyond the stage of itching nettle-rash, blistering skin, swollen face and mouth, wheezing and vomiting.

These signs usually occur within 15 minutes of contact with peanuts. Sometimes the dose needs repeating and if the collapse is more advanced — complete shock can follow two or three minutes after the face has begun to swell — intravenous therapy may be needed with intubation to maintain an airway. Subcutaneous adrenalin can be repeated and when the attack has subsided antihistamines by mouth may be useful. They have no role in treating the initial attack.

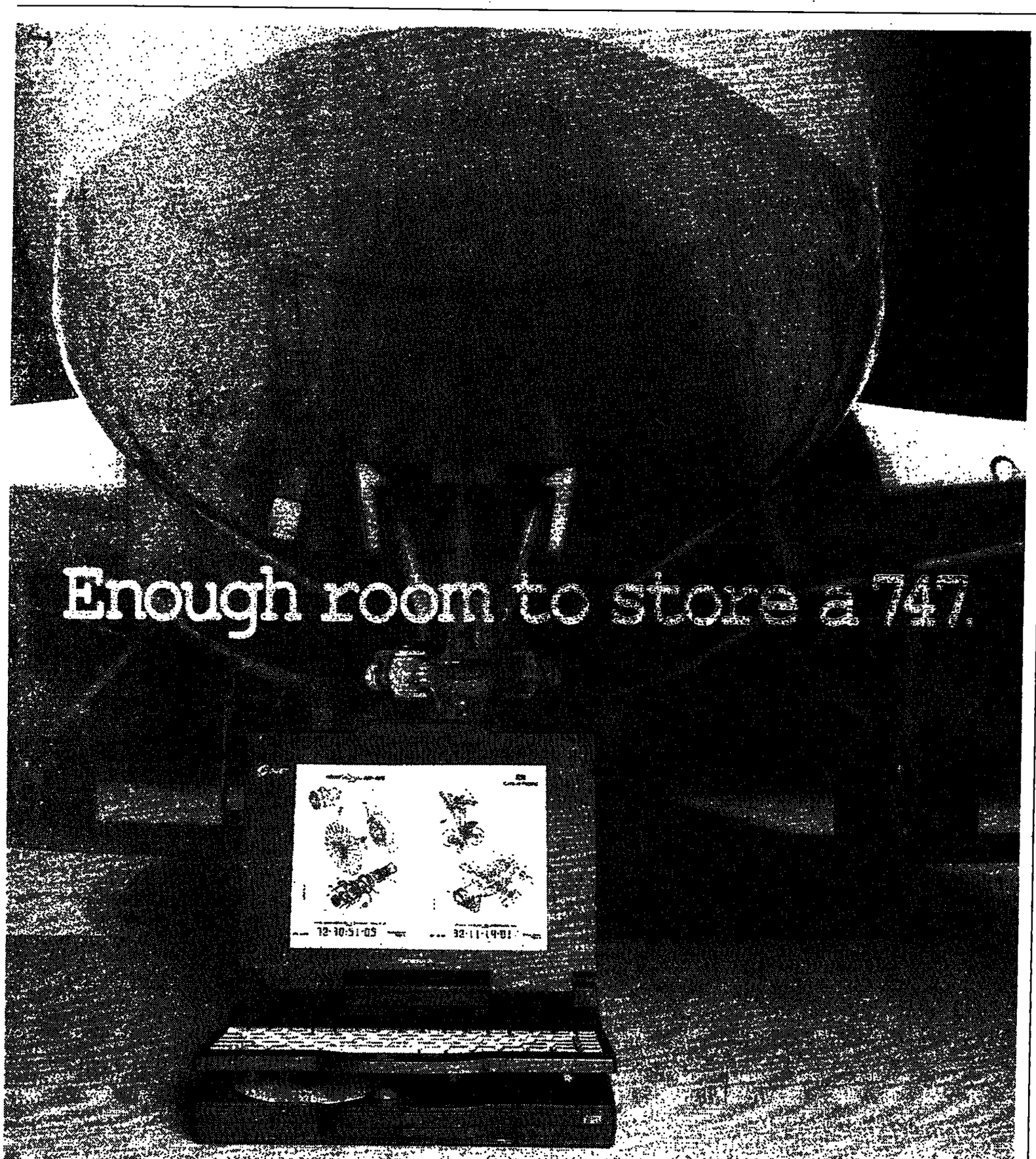
Accounts of patients of all ages who have collapsed after unwittingly eating peanuts added to confectionery, ice-cream and other foods are all too frequent. Some, such as Elizabeth Sidney, suffer because of second-hand contact. Recently a Canadian girl suffered severe blistering of the arms and a dangerously swollen mouth after being touched by her father, who had wiped his dirty hands with a peanut packet. The reaction occurs only in someone who has already been sensitised, but the initial episode may have been so mild as to have escaped attention.

Eggs can cause a similar reaction. The Mannering family of Faversham, Kent, will never forget their Boxing Day lunch of 1986. Edward, their six-month-old son, ate some lemon mousse and within 15 minutes his face was swollen and his body covered in watery blisters. He wheezed and was sick.

Fortunately they were lunching near the Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead, where his life was saved by immediate treatment. Thereafter even touching an egg in its shell caused his skin to redden and his face to swell. He can now occasionally eat a cooked egg.

As well as carrying adrenalin in prepared syringes, patients should consider a course of desensitisation. It should, however, be carried out only by highly skilled physicians working in departments equipped to deal with any emergency. In less favourable surroundings patients have collapsed and even died from the very treatment meant to make their life safer.

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Crime compensation

Families ask Howard to show mercy on payments

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

DOZENS of families of murder victims have lost the chance to receive government cash for the loss of loved ones after the legal dispute over a new compensation scheme. Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, is urged today to intervene and consider the plight of the families, who were unwittingly caught up in a battle between the Government and courts about the legality of the scheme.

Helen Reeves, of the charity Victim Support, blamed the Government for the plight of the families. "They have become the victims of the Government's mismanagement of the criminal injuries compensation scheme. I believe that they have been cruelly treated and that the Home Secretary should step in and show them some mercy," she said.

The families applied to receive new bereavement awards of £10,000 available to relatives of murder victims under a scheme introduced in April 1994 by Mr Howard. It allowed the parents of murdered adults, adult children of murdered people and unmarried partners of murder victims to claim compensation.

But the new tariff-based scheme was withdrawn in April this year after the Law Lords ruled that it was unlawful. Although the families had applied for the award before the scheme was withdrawn, they were not allowed to have the money, even though people who had received cash have not had to repay it.

Since being told they will not get a bereavement award, the relatives have been informed that, because they made an application under the original tariff scheme, they cannot make another to the revised scheme that starts in April.

Diane Shiels, 52, whose son Perrie, 22, a sailor on the Royal Yacht *Britannia*, died after being attacked while on shore leave, said: "I am very bitter towards the Government over this. It spends millions on improvement in prisons to keep the swine who commit these crimes, but does very little for those left behind.

"I don't think the Government should put families through this. My son was not the only one who lost his life, it finished my life too. We will never be a family again."

John Davis, a chief inspector with Norfolk police whose son Jason, 23, was killed in January, had not wanted to apply for an award initially. Then he decided that he and his wife Bernie would use part of the money to make a donation to a hospital in Africa. She said: "It is not the money part of it, it is the way we have been treated that is so distressing."

Others include Norman Burton whose son Malcolm was stabbed in Southend in March 1994 by his girlfriend's estranged husband, and Pat Finlay, whose daughter was found naked and strangled in August 1994. She wanted to use the money to pay for a headstone for her daughter's grave.

Victim Support, the charity to help victims of crime, estimates that up to 250 families might be affected by the decision.

David Maclean, a junior Home Office Minister, said he did not believe it would be right to make exceptions. He wrote to Victim Support: "There are always people who are affected in one way or another by rule changes, and we cannot move to a situation where people's claims can be settled under whichever arrangement may be more advantageous to them."



Perrie Shiels, 22, was killed in the street while on shore leave from the Royal Yacht *Britannia*

Anglers split by alliance with pro-hunt group

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

ANGLERS are divided over links with a new countryside pressure group that many fear will make them a target for animal rights protesters.

Coarse fishermen are furious that Ken Ball, president of the National Federation of Anglers, their representative body, has accepted a position on the board of directors of the Countryside Movement. The movement, headed by Sir David Steel, the former Liberal leader, is widely seen as a front for hunting, shooting and landowning interests, though it professes broader social and educational aims.

Mr Ball was already under fire for taking his organisation, with the Salmon and Trout Association and the National Federation of Sea Anglers, into an alliance with the British Field Sports Society, a passionate defender of hunting. More than 50 angling clubs affiliated to the northwest regional branch of the National Federation of Anglers have called on Mr Ball to resign. The northeast region is urging him to withdraw from the Countryside Movement. A recent poll conducted by the *Angling Times* among its readers found that more than 90 per cent who responded were opposed to closer links between angling organisations and supporters of hunting.

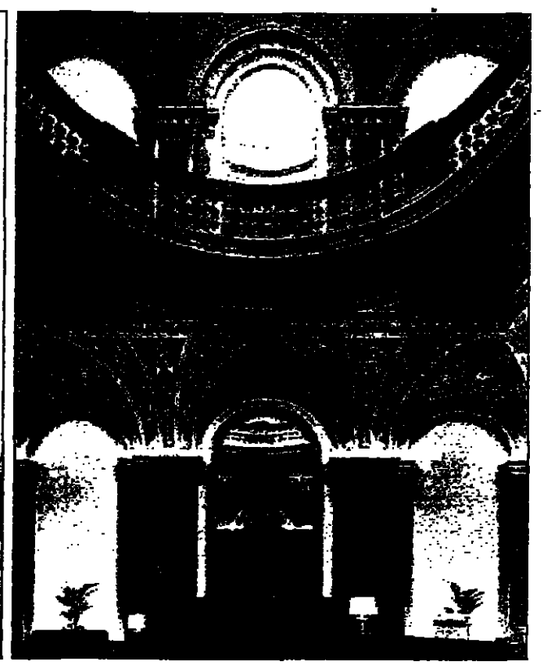
Mr Ball said: "We have to recognise that we all need to stand together to defend country sports against the growing hostility of the animal rights extremists." He has the backing of his national executive but is expected to face a serious challenge when he comes up for re-election as president at the federation's next annual general meeting in April.

Alex Woods, chairman of the Chester Association of Anglers, which seconded the call for Mr Ball's resignation, said: "It is extremely foolish to ally ourselves with a group which will draw fire on us from bodies like the League Against Cruel Sports, which have given us no trouble up to now."

But John Bryant, the league's chief press spokesman, said: "The idea that there is a threat to angling is a myth invented by the hunting lobby to get fishermen on its side."

Some game anglers are also uneasy about being aligned too closely to the hunting lobby, but most support the Countryside Movement.





£60m home joins elite property club

BRITAIN'S most expensive private home, a former Tory club, is about to be bought by a relative of the Sultan of Brunei. The £60 million property at 74 St James's Street, London, has two atriums with waterfalls, a ballroom, 24 bedrooms and bathrooms and a £1 million security system (Rachel Kelly writes).

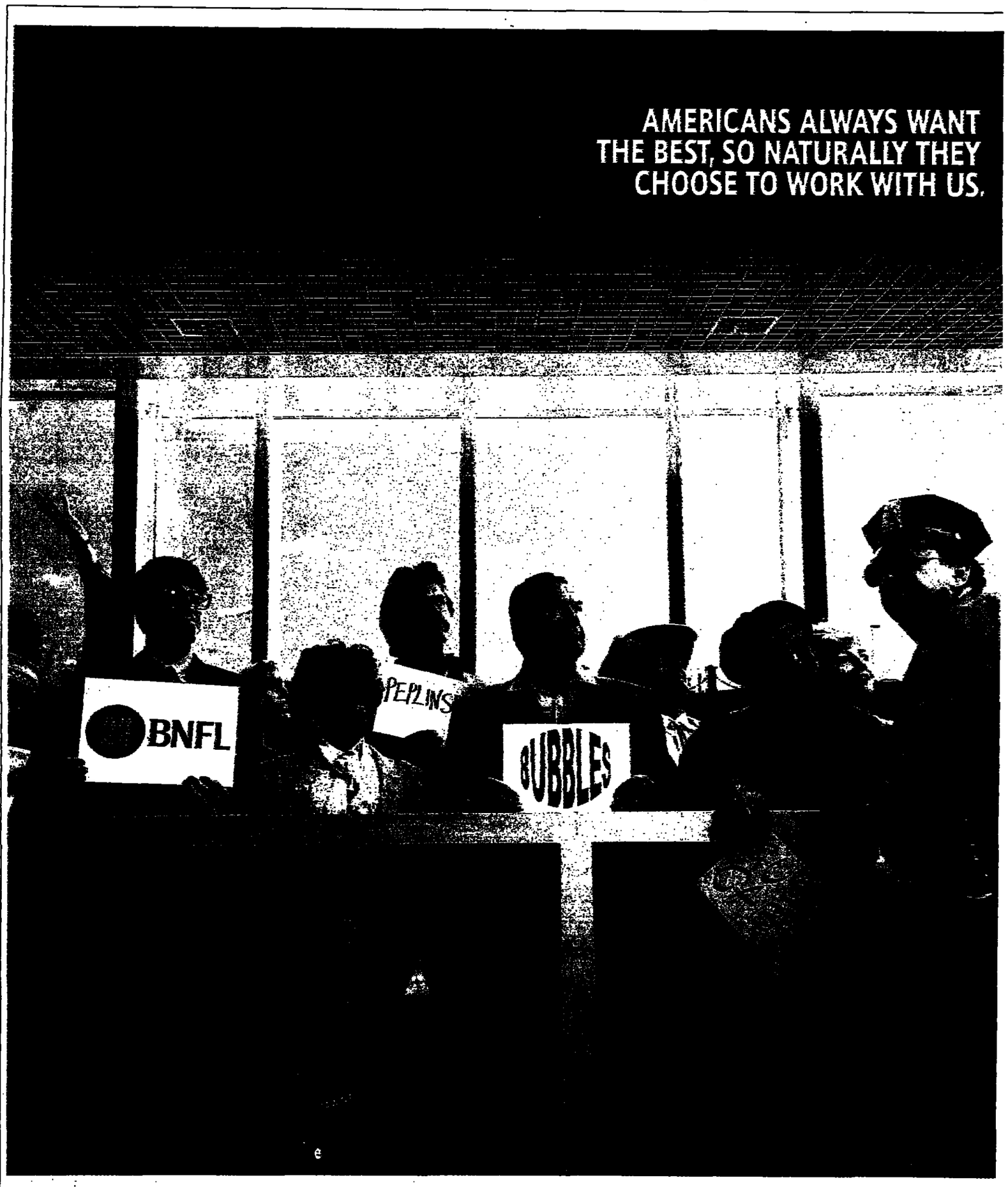
The sultan's family, believed to be the richest in the world with a £22 billion fortune based on oil revenue, already owns 40 London properties. It is understood to want the St James's Street house as a business base as well as a home.

Richard Crosthwaite, of the property agents Knight Frank & Rutley, said: "The family have always bought with great discretion some of London's most important residential properties."

From the outside 74 St James's Street appears grand but anonymous. It was built in 1845 to house the Conservative Club, formed by dissident Tories who did not deign to join its chief rival, the Carlton Club. In 1941, the Bath Club moved in after its Dover Street home had been burnt down, and the merged club earned the nickname the "Lava-Tory". The club moved out in 1959 and the building stood empty until the management consultant McKinsey took it over in 1971. It was vacated in 1993, and is being sold by the developer Wiggins Group.

The sultan's main London residence is at 20 Kensington Palace Gardens. He also owns The Aviary, an estate at Osterley, set in 30 acres. The sultan's brother, Prince Jefri Bolkiah, owns the 40-room St John's Lodge in Regent's Park and the former Playboy club on Park Lane, which cost £55 million.

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Managers search in vain for feel-good factor

BY TONY DAWE

MANAGERS are suffering from stress, working harder and longer with little job security and few expectations, a survey by the Institute of Management says today.

The report, based on interviews with 1,300 managers in private and public firms, says that anxiety has reached a peak as companies struggle to emerge from the recession.

Stress results in the break-up of marriages, especially of managers with young children, increased depression and a firm belief among two-thirds of managers that the recession is continuing and there is no such thing as a "feel-good" factor.

"Despite successfully navigating their organisations towards recovery, managers now face a double whammy: greater job insecurity and longer working hours," Roger Young, the institute's director, said. More than half the managers in the survey said that they always worked longer than their official hours, often into the evenings, and took work home at weekends, damaging relationships with family and friends. "I am overworked and find insufficient time to plan or to have an outside life," one manager said.

Those aged between 35 and 44 expressed the greatest difficulties in achieving a balance between work and home life. Managers with small children are under the most severe pressure, which can lead to divorce and further depression. The least stressed group are those without children and with no elderly relatives dependent on them.

The lack of job security is reflected by the finding that one in three managers has been in the same job for no more than two years and that many find changes difficult to make. Four out of ten do not feel in control of their career development and far fewer (15 per cent) expect their next move to be a promotion within their existing organisations. "I feel no financial or emotional security from one week to the next," one said.

The survey's results are typified by the experiences of managers such as Ian Brown, of Clapham, south London, who works for an international bank. "One of many restructurings saw my boss disappear and left me with his work as well as my own without any promotion for me," he said.

"I had to work longer and longer hours with little satisfaction but I dared not complain for fear of going the same way as many colleagues. The only answer is to find another job, even if it is less well paid."

Chris Roebuck, consultant to the City University Business School, said: "I personally know of people whose working hours are logged by computer because they use a swipe card to go in and out of their offices and who feel that they must stay late because some of their colleagues do. That is inefficient because the practical implications of working people too hard are that their performance goes down rapidly and they become less capable of making rational decisions.

"The managers themselves know this is inefficient but because of the culture of their company they dare not say anything for fear of being fired."

The survey calls on organisations to remove stress at work and says they must improve the training and motivation of staff and communication with them. It adds that managers themselves must be flexible enough to embrace change.

Despite its overall gloom, the survey does report that seven out of ten managers find work satisfying, with older and more senior managers the most enthusiastic about their jobs.



Sugden: had to cut back businesses

Never-ending struggle to succeed

ANNE SUGDEN works seven days a week to keep her small businesses afloat (Tony Dawe writes). "I know it sounds a cliché and people say you can't possibly do that, but in order to progress I have to keep on the move," she said. "I have turned the ground floor of my house into offices so that makes it easier to continue working."

Ms Sugden's story reflects the finding of today's Institute of Management survey that managers are having to work harder with less security. She used to employ 40 people in three businesses, including a marketing and training consultancy and a firm providing catering at garden centres, but has had to sell part of the business and reduce her staff to 25.

She would like to expand her offices at home in Rossendale, Lancashire, but cannot afford more equipment. "I have four desks and four computers and that's it," she said.

"To get the accounting and administrative work completed, I have to find flexible staff who are prepared to work in the evenings or at weekends when the full-time staff have left.

"There are a lot of managers who don't dare take all their holidays or be off sick because they are terrified of losing their jobs. Those responsible for finance are always being pressured by their bosses to keep the cash flowing in. Companies that used to be relaxed about when you paid bills are always saying it is the end of their accounting period and asking you to settle up."

Police inquiries and inquest compound destructive feeling of guilt among bereaved

Suicide in the family leaves victims behind

BY CATHERINE MILTON, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

PEOPLE who commit suicide damage and often destroy the friends and family they leave behind. Sorrow and self-doubt are compounded by the stress of police inquiries and the inquest, according to the journal of the British Association of Counselling.

"Suicide involves much more than the destruction of the person. "Very often it destroys others in the family. The real victim, time after time, is not the body in the coffin, but the family," a report in the November issue of *Counselling* says.

Public concern about suicide generally focuses on the dead, and recently alarm has centred on the growing numbers of young men who kill themselves. In the ten years to 1992, the number of men aged 15 to 24 who took their own lives increased almost 60 per cent, while the rate for the population as a whole was broadly stable. Poisoning with car exhaust fumes accounted for 30 per cent of all suicides in 1992, hanging for 25 per cent and drug poisoning for 23 per cent.

The shock and disbelief of all bereaved people lasts longer in cases of suicide. Grievers want to know "why", feel guilty, suffer depression and may face hostility when they try to discuss their grief, the journal says. The search for the reason for the suicide may never end, says the report by Alice Middleton, of Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide, and David Williams, senior lecturer in psychology and director of counselling studies at Hull University.

In a 1985 study, almost 90 per cent of those bereaved by suicide said they felt guilt. The report explains: "The guilt one feels for missing clues that were probably given: guilt that one is not good enough to share the feelings of the deceased; guilt that one may have contributed towards the suicide." Depression is often exacerbated by sleeplessness, lack of nourishment, sadness and a preoccupation with the scene of the death.

There is still a social stigma attached to suicide. Funerals are often hushed up and those "found out" by neighbours may move away. Where relatives are open about the cause of death, many are avoided, even by close friends.

The authors are critical of the inquest system, which, they argue, can impede the grieving process. "Suicide is no longer a crime but police inquiries begin immediately. Personal loss becomes a matter for public scrutiny."

However, they say that in some cases the inquest can be positive, presenting an opportunity for relatives to put forward their own version of events and to find out more about what happened.

The study says there is little help for those bereaved by suicide, given their intense and particular suffering. Specialist counselling within the first 24 hours of a suicide can be effective, as can keeping a diary, writing a letter to the dead person, the authors say.

Some survivors reported that group counselling with those whose loved ones did not die through suicide made them feel self-conscious and shameful. The report concludes: "Those bereaved by suicide share common tasks with all those who are bereaved; they must accept the loss as final, give up the attachment, and learn to live without the deceased."

JOHN HOULIHAN



Alice Middleton founded a bereavement advice group after her brother's death

Relatives 'must learn how to heal themselves'

ALICE MIDDLETON'S brother lay in a coma for about two weeks before he died from the injuries he received when he crashed his motorcycle outside his girlfriend's house (Catherine Milton writes). The pain of her grief was sharpened because in what turned out to be their last conversation, they had quarrelled. "I felt terribly guilty when I reflected on our last conversation."

Miss Middleton, who has since qualified as a counsellor, said: "The first thing I wanted to do was blame someone. Because it concerned relationship issues, I had an obvious target. But his lady friend couldn't live without John. She took her life six months later."

Her brother was "a lovely fellow", a bus driver whose concern for his passengers led him into conflict with his bosses who sometimes pressured him to take out buses he felt were defective.

He was intelligent, she says, and, as is often the case with those who take their lives, a bit of a perfectionist. She added: "I think for some people the world is too painful a place for them to exist in."

At the time when her brother died Miss Middleton was recovering from a serious car accident which ended her career as a Salvation Army officer.

She was undergoing counselling to help her adjust to a new, less active life, but she felt there was a need for a specialist service for those bereaved by suicide.

She returned to Hull, her home town, where she trained for five years in counselling. In 1991 she founded Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide. There are now three such groups in Britain.

Miss Middleton believes it is possible, though difficult, to recover from the suicide of a loved one. She said: "If you cut yourself, you are left with a scar. It is the same with suicide.

"You are left with a wound and it is your choice whether or not that heals ... Time itself does not heal, it is how you work towards your own healing during that time."

Mother who tries to blame herself



Sue Roff: knew what her son might do

NINETEEN months before he took his life at the age of 24, Andrew Roff warned his parents that he was planning to die. Four years on, his mother cannot subdue the tremulous grief in her voice. "He wanted to tell us so that his death would not be a shock to us," Sue Roff said.

Andrew, who worked at a metalworks company, was an outgoing, happy person with lots of friends until his early 20s when a mysterious depression settled on him. Mrs Roff, a 53-year-old nurse, said: "We still don't know why but life began to seem meaningless for him."

She and her husband John, a 55-year-old cook, persuaded him to see doctors. Nothing helped. Andrew made his first, almost fatal attempt, soon after his warning. Mrs Roff, who lives near Arundel in West Sussex, said: "From then on life was a nightmare for him, and for us."

Andrew became anorexic, his personality changing beyond recognition. He was admitted to hospital twice. "Andrew tried very hard not to die," Mrs Roff said. But one day he climbed into a car and poisoned himself with carbon monoxide.

Mrs Roff said: "When a 24-year-old child dies, it is absolutely devastating. But when at 24 they take their own life, there are so many feelings of guilt. For us, it was where we failed him as parents."

The Roffs contacted another couple whose son died two months after Andrew and the families started a support group. Mrs Roff said: "It is a long and painful journey but eventually the good days do start creeping in again."

Casualties of church healing offered sanctuary

BY RUTH GLEDHILL
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

A GROUP to help the casualties of charismatic healing sessions in churches has been set up by the wives of two Conservative MPs.

The launch of the Susannah Trust comes shortly after the collapse of the Nine O'Clock Service in Sheffield amid allegations that he manipulated followers. The Rev Chris Brain, leader of the cult-style church, may face church disciplinary proceedings.

The psychiatric trust is headed by Susan Stanley, wife of the former minister Sir John Stanley. Lady Stanley, a medical social worker, said: "I have seen people wonderfully helped as well as hurt and bewildered, and we are simply issuing a plea for discernment. There needs to be a broad and more informed approach to the question of healing. Prayer is vital, but it is often just the first step."

Trustees include Sylvia Alison, wife of the MP Michael Alison, who is Second Church Estates Commissioner and the Church of England's spokesman in Parliament. Dr Jack Dominian, the eminent Roman Catholic psychiatrist, is an adviser.

The trust's work may include dealing with after-effects of the so-called Toronto blessing, the phenomenon experienced in some evangelical churches where members are "slain by the spirit" and collapse in hysterical laughter or tears. They sometimes remain comatose on the floor, for more than an hour.

There has been growing concern about extremism and fundamentalism in churches. A conference at King's College London this weekend heard examples of the misapplication of Christian theology, resulting in damage to the lives of believers.

Steve Hunt, sociology lecturer at Reading University, described damage caused by exorcism, a common method of "healing". He referred to a woman who joined a charismatic church and was visited by a team of six people who had come to "cleanse" her home of demonic forces. "They proceeded to cast demons out of her fridge and demanded that she disposed of her toilet-brush holder, which was in the shape of a green frog and apparently attracted evil spirits," he said.

Mr Hunt said exorcisms, known as deliverance, had caused "untold harm" in charismatic churches. Sexual habits, in particular, are thought to need "heavy deliverance", which can include pouring consecrated wine over the parts of the body associated with the habit.

Mr Hunt said deliverance could not be dismissed as a throwback to rampant superstition of the medieval age. "Paradoxically, there is something very modern about it and, even more so, something desperately middle class."

Unseen Churchill portrait for sale

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A HITHERTO unknown wartime portrait of Sir Winston Churchill comes on the open market for the first time this week and is expected to fetch about £200,000. Frank Salisbury's painting shows the then Prime Minister informally dressed in his famous siren suit, working on his papers.

Rory Wardroper, of the auctioneers Tennants, who will be selling the portrait at Leyburn, North Yorkshire, on Friday, said: "It is unrecorded in catalogues of works of famous figures and has not been seen in public before. It was a private commission for a member of the Churchill family and remained in their hands until 1987 when it was sold to a private collector."

The oil on canvas was painted soon after Salisbury completed a more formal portrait showing Sir Winston in the morning suit of a great statesman. This portrait shows him wearing the zip-up suit he had designed by Austin Reed to wear when the air-raid sirens sent him down to the Cabinet Office bunkers beneath Whitehall.

It is one of a number of similar compositions completed by Salisbury during 1942 and 1943, which differ in detail. The first, which is at Chartwell, Churchill's country retreat, was presented to him by the Devonshire Club. Another is at Harrow, his old school.

This version, dated 1943, was commissioned by Churchill's son-in-law Duncan Sandys, then a junior minister, who was impressed by the Chartwell original.



Salisbury's 1943 portrait of Churchill

'Race barrier' on careers in the law

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

ENTRY into the legal profession is still affected by money, background and race, says a study to be published today. The Law Society's research and policy planning unit says there are significant barriers for students from ethnic minorities and from the newer universities.

The conclusion adds: "Financial pressures prevent some aspiring lawyers from pursuing their legal training."

The study tracked 2,000 students along their career path, and found that for some, access to the solicitors' branch of the profession is even harder than for the bar. "Applicants' ethnic origins and the types of institutions of higher education they had attended were particularly important in predicting who would progress," the study says. This especially applied to gaining places on the legal practice course and to training contracts with law firms.

Graduates with a degree other than law found progress easier than those who took law degrees. Students from the ethnic minorities are more highly represented on law degree courses.

There was no evidence that applications for the Bar vocational course were disadvantaged on the basis of "sex, ethnicity, parents' qualifications, the route they had taken through legal education or the type of institution they had attended".

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Couple charged over attacks

Police have charged a couple with a series of brutal attacks on elderly residents in an area of Birmingham. The 26-year-old man, of no fixed address, and the 35-year-old woman, from Birmingham, were arrested on Friday night in a pub in Small Heath. Detectives charged them with robbery, assault and false imprisonment in connection with three attacks on elderly people in the city this week.

Margaret Green, 79, the latest victim, is still recovering in hospital after she was attacked in her home in Small Heath on Wednesday night.

Daisy Drew, 82, was also attacked on Wednesday by a couple claiming to be police officers and Stanley Clarke, 84, was attacked on Monday evening by a couple claiming to be social services officers.

Lindisfarne founder dies

Alan Hull, a founder of the folk-rock band Lindisfarne, has died in hospital after a suspected heart attack, it was announced yestereday. Hull, 50, collapsed at his home on Friday night and died later in North Tyneside General Hospital. His wife and three daughters were at his side. Mr Hull wrote the band's hit songs including *Fog on the Tyne* and *Meet Me on the Corner*. Obituary, page 21

Thousands seek Christmas sun

About 500,000 Britons will leave the country this Christmas, according to the Association of British Travel Agents. The Canary Islands, Spain and Cyprus are the top destinations, but South Africa may challenge traditional resorts when a charter service begins next month. Keith Bretton, of Abta, said the Bluebird Express service would swell the growing numbers already visiting the country.

Saved by whisker

A cat saved as a new-born kitten when its owner gave it the kiss of life won the supreme champion prize from the governing council of the Cat Fancy at Birmingham. Akdamar Bazisey Mahsus, a Turkish Van, is owned by Joyce Johnson, 56, of Bradford.

Water powered

Tankers are due to begin carrying up to six million gallons of water a day to drought-stricken West Yorkshire today. The tankers will make 1,000 daily trips between Long Newton reservoir, Cleveland, and Eccup reservoir, near Leeds, at a cost of more than £1 million a week.

MoD under fire

Jack Conn, 77, a wartime corporal in the Royal Army Medical Corps who saw service in the Middle East, has dubbed the Ministry of Defence "skinflints" for refusing to replace his stolen medals free of charge because, at £50, it would be "an unfair burden on official finances".

Theft victim dies

Police have arrested two men and a girl aged 15 after Nita White, 65, of Rothwell, Northamptonshire, died in hospital of a heart attack on Saturday, a day after a gang robbed her of her handbag in the street. Tests are being carried out to determine if her death is connected to the robbery.

Veteran flyer

Reginald Turnill, 80, who as BBC aerospace correspondent reported on all the Apollo space missions, will become the oldest man to experience the weightlessness of space. He will join more than 40 students tomorrowin a European Space Agency astronaut training flight.

Big switch-off

Electricity was cut to 30,000 homes around Hexham and Corbridge, Northumberland, for repairs after a tow rope from a glider came loose and landed on power lines, earthing the cables. Thousands more homes lost power at Tynemouth after a separate fault at a sub-station.

Home at last

A racing pigeon has flown back to its owner's loft two years after setting off on a race. Paul Denholm, 37, of Woodhouse, Leeds, entered four birds in the race from Fareham, Hampshire, and three returned in good time. Mr Denholm said: "Somebody must have taken it in."

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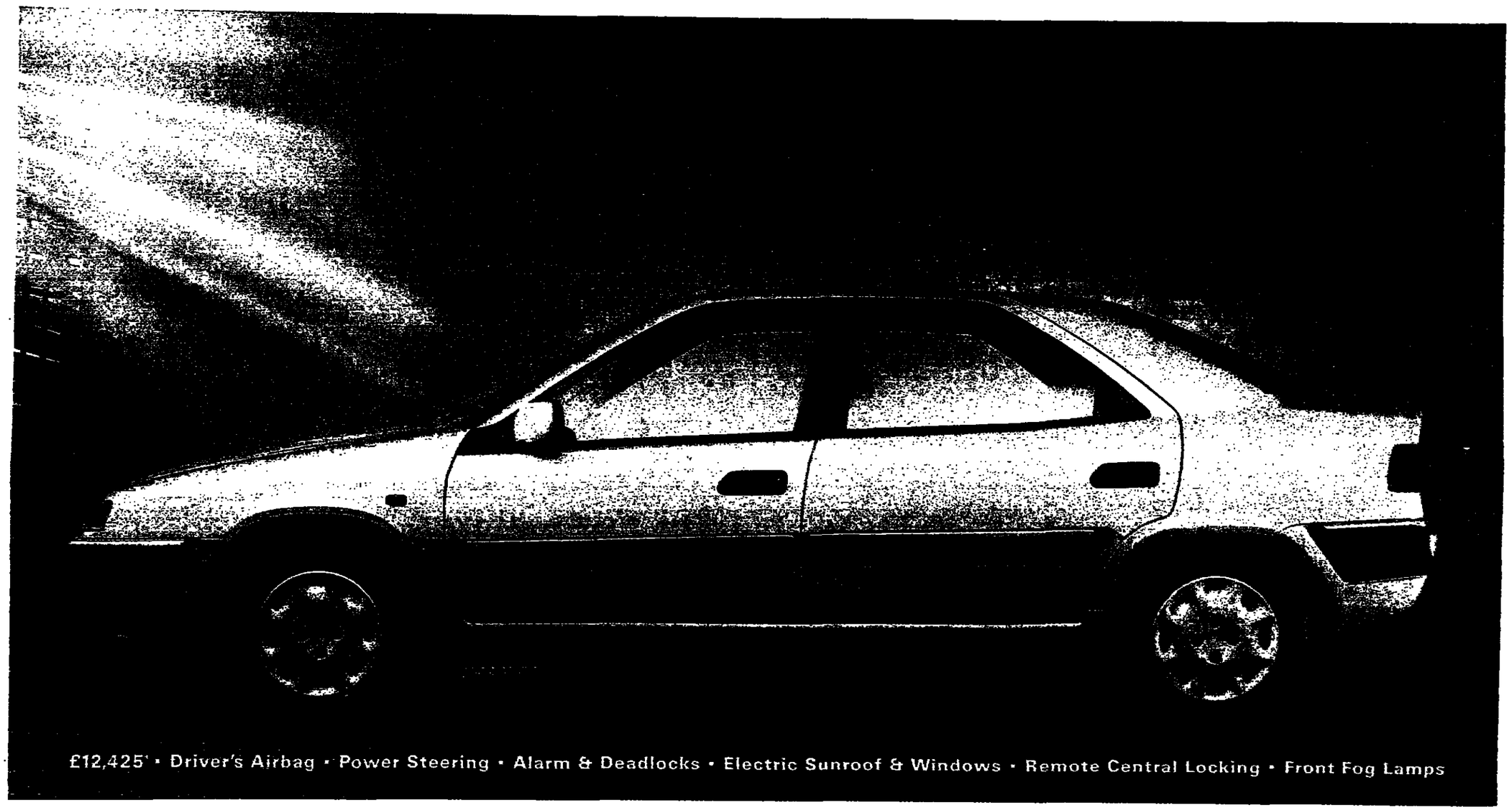
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China bows to US and cuts import tariffs by a third

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG AND PEREGRINE HODSON IN OSAKA

PEKING, bowing to American pressure, agreed yesterday to cut import tariffs, paving the way for its accession to the World Trade Organisation. The issue had dominated the 18-nation Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation (Apec) meeting in Osaka, which ended last night.

President Jiang Zemin told delegates that "from 1996, China will drastically reduce its overall tariff level by a margin of no less than 30 per cent". The meeting ended with a promise that the markets of the region's industrialised nations would be opened up by 2010 and the rest by 2020.

Chinese officials at Osaka said that the cuts would affect more than 4,000 items and reduce average tariffs to between 24 and 25 per cent, from the present 35 per cent. The Chinese also promised to eliminate quota and licensing controls on 170 tariff lines, about 30 per cent of the commodities now regulated.

The statement demonstrated that Peking had accepted in principle what the Americans call the "road map" which was supplied to the Chinese, indicating the path they needed to follow to membership of the World Trade Organisation.

"China took the road map very seriously," said Mickey Kantor, the US Trade Representative, after a meeting in Osaka over the weekend with Wu Yi, Peking's Foreign Trade and Economic Co-operation Minister. "They have accepted it as the basis for accession to the organisation."

The plan is for China to adhere to what are called "international norms" in trade. It is regarded in Washington as a slow process which, in the words of one American official, "will take as little or as long as it takes".

Until recently Peking insisted that it should be allowed to enter the organisation as a developing country and accused Washington of blocking its entry for anti-communist reasons.

This view has been rejected by the Americans. After negotiations in Peking, Charlene Barshevsky, Mr Kantor's deputy, described the organisation as "a rules-based system of rights and obligations ... that all of its members must accept. The organisation is not a menu from which one can simply pick and choose".

In her hard-hitting remarks in Hong Kong last week, which may have shown their effect in the Chinese declaration in Osaka, Ms Barshevsky gave a warning that "China must stop erecting new barriers that replace those previously removed."

Mrs Barshevsky gave as examples the acceptance by the Americans of 40 per cent of China's exports, while China accepted only 2 per cent of American exports, leading to a $38 billion (£24 billion) deficit in Peking's favour.

As the Osaka summit dispersed, Tomiichi Murayama, the Japanese Prime Minister, said he believed the meeting as having been of "historic significance" in that it moved the body from "vision" to "action".

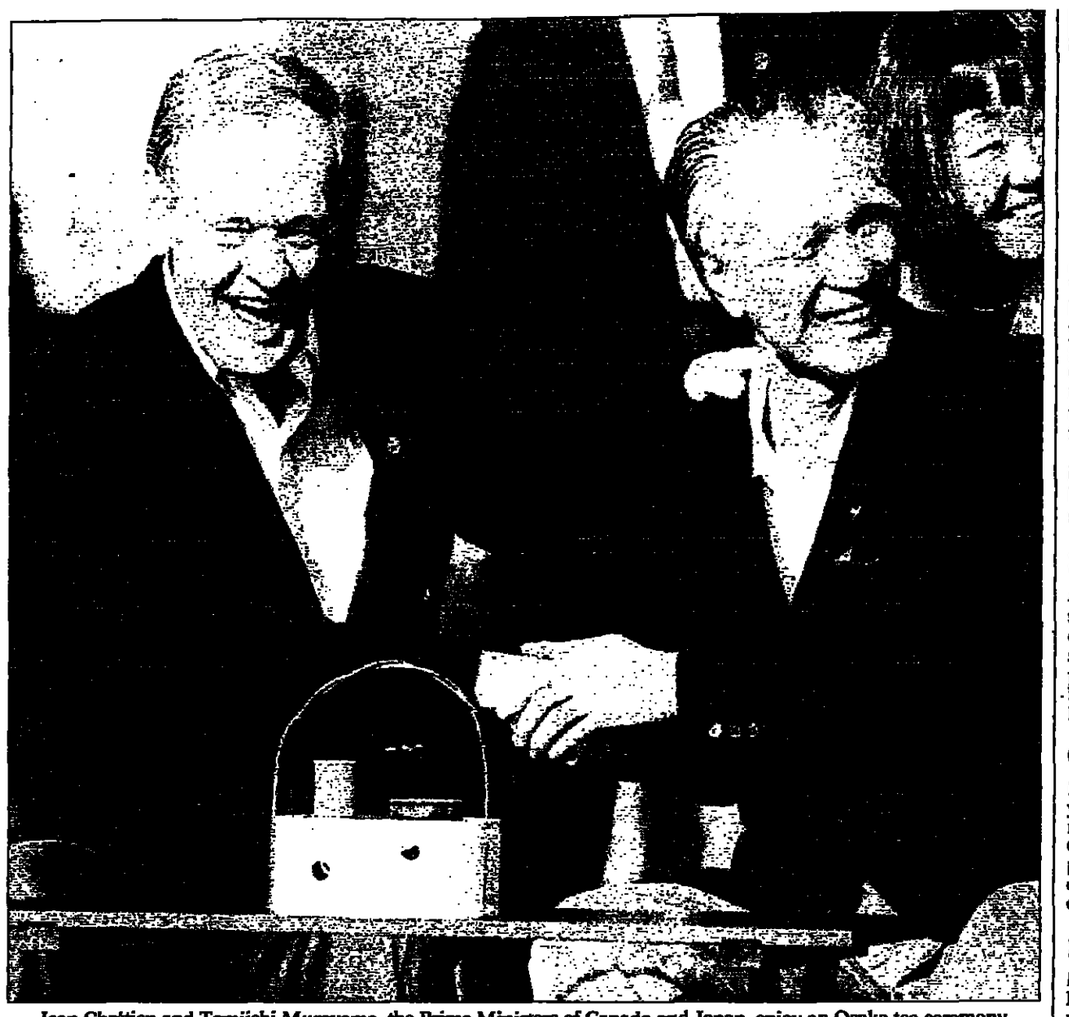
Al Gore, the American Vice-President, described the action agenda as dramatic.

Fred Bergsten, director of the US Institute for International Economics, summed up the conference as "a mixed bag" but said the rapid programme for implementation of the conference declaration was "impressive".

The summit had been characterised by realism. During the past year, the host country, Japan, prepared the ground thoroughly, thereby ensuring that there were no unpleasant surprises. Participants recognise their mutual interest in making Apec a credible forum for economic co-operation — not a bargaining shop for bitter trade disputes.

The Western members, notably America and Australia, tried to introduce a legalistic character to proceedings but this was resisted by most of the Asian countries. Australia, in particular, the prime mover of Apec in Canberra in 1989, hoped for a more rigorous commitment to liberalisation than the summit declaration. America also would have preferred more liberalisation for its agricultural produce. Certainly there were missed opportunities, particularly the summit's failure to address human rights and environmental issues in any significant way. Nor was there much progress, as America had hoped, towards making Apec a post-Cold War forum for security issues in the region.

While China was exhibiting its economic co-operation in Osaka it also flexed its political and regional muscle. President Jiang told President Ramos of the Philippines, next year's Apec host, that President Lee of Taiwan should be barred from participating. Taiwan was represented in Osaka by lower-level officials, under the name "Chinese-Taipei".



Jean Chrétien and Tomiichi Murayama, the Prime Ministers of Canada and Japan, enjoy an Osaka tea ceremony

NEWS IN BRIEF

Peking sets sights on colony law

Hong Kong: Tsang Yok Sing, on the colony's Preliminary Working Committee which is handpicked by Peking, said yesterday that a preparatory group, consisting mostly of committee members, would reshape the political structure to China's satisfaction (Jonathan Mirsky writes).

It will abolish the democratic Legislative Council, and list laws China should repeal, such as the Bill of Rights.

Skiers die

Albertville: Two American skiers froze to death and three others were suffering from severe hypothermia after their party became stranded in a blizzard in the Alps in eastern France. *(AP)*

Catalonian poll

Barcelona: Five million voters yesterday began voting to return 135 deputies to the Catalonian parliament. The poll could reveal trends for the early Spanish general election expected in March. *Reuter)*

School deaths

Peking: Seven children were killed and 18 hurt in a stampede at a school in Inner Mongolia after a sudden fall in temperature sent pupils running to their dormitories, a newspaper reported. *(Reuter)*

Prince charged

Phnom Penh: Prince Norodom Sirivudh, a half-brother of King Norodom Sihanouk and former Foreign Minister, is being charged with trying to kill Hun Sen, Cambodia's Co-Prime Minister. *(AP)*

Jail protest ends

Athens: Guards regained control of the nation's largest prison after inmates returned to their cells, ending a five-day revolt over living conditions in which four people died and 50 were taken to hospital. *(AP)*

Head cases

New York: A plastic surgeon here has found a solution to loose toupés — he inserts metal pegs into patients' skulls to anchor hairpieces, so preventing them being blown off in high winds.

'Houdini Hawke' returns as peacemaker



Hawke: strong record as labour negotiator

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

LIKE an old warhorse, Bob Hawke, the former Australian Prime Minister and trade union leader, has been harnessed to pull his nation back from the brink of industrial disaster.

The former Labor Party leader, once known as "Houdini Hawke" because of his prowess as an industrial peacemaker, will attempt today to broker a settlement in a row over the introduction of individual contracts by the mining giant CRA. Seventy-six employees at the CRA's Weipa operation in north Queensland went on strike last month after refusing to sign the contracts. They demanded equal pay with 635 workers who had signed individual contracts and who receive as much as £10,000 a year more. Conscious that its power was being eroded, the Australian Council of Trades Unions threatened to call a general strike in support of its Weipa members. The Maritime Workers' Union was the first to come out, forcing the closure of all Australian ports last week. The United Mineworkers' Union was due to begin a national seven-day strike involving 20,000 coal workers last night.

But no sooner had Mr Hawke's name been mentioned as a mediator in the dispute than reason appeared to return to the negotiating table. Even the militant waterfront unions called off their strike.

Mr Hawke, toppled by Paul Keating in a Labor Party coup in 1992, has agreed to hold a meeting with both sides today. Accused by critics of making a quick buck from business interests after retiring from politics and of betraying his wife of 38 years by running off with his biographer, Mr Hawke was positively beaming at the prospect of being of use to his country when he was photographed yesterday.

However, some see his involvement as a slap in the face for Mr Keating. Peter Costello, the opposition's Treasury spokesman, said: "It's indicative of the failure of Paul Keating really that they have to call for the man he personally knifed as Prime Minister."

Shell denies offer on Ogoni activists

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

SHELL last night denied that it had offered to intervene with Nigeria to win the release of Ken Saro-Wiwa, the writer and human rights activist who was hanged by the military regime.

The allegation of such an offer was "false" and "grotesque", a spokesman for Shell said. He confirmed, however, that Brian Anderson, head of Shell Nigeria, held a series of meetings with Dr Owens Wiwa, the executed man's brother, in Lagos between May and June last year. The oil company says that the meetings were intended to find a middle ground between Shell and the Ogoni people, who have been protesting against the environmental damage they accuse Shell of causing.

Dr Wiwa is reported to have claimed that Mr Anderson offered to intervene with the junta provided that the Ogoni people called off their protest.

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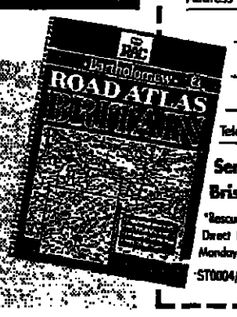
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Car bomb blast at Egypt's mission in Pakistan kills 17

BY CHRISTOPHER THOMAS, SOUTH ASIA CORRESPONDENT, AND ZAHID HUSSAIN IN KARACHI

A CAR bomb wrecked the Egyptian Embassy in Islamabad, the Pakistani capital, yesterday, killing 17 people, including two Egyptian diplomats. The device, the first in the city's diplomatic enclave, left a crater 60ft wide and demolished almost the entire wall of one side of the building.

Nasirulla Khan Babar, Egypt's Interior Minister, said that Gamaa al-Islamiya (the Islamic Group), an Egyptian organisation, had claimed responsibility in Cairo for the attack. However, rival claims were made by Jihad (holy war) and the International Justice Group.

The Government of Benazir Bhutto, the Prime Minister of Pakistan, has been co-operating with Egypt by attempting to trace members of banned Islamic groups operating in the North-West Frontier Province or across the border in Afghanistan.

Gamaa, Egypt's largest militant organisation, told a news agency by telephone within two hours of the blast that it had blown up the embassy, but a man claiming to represent Jihad told a news organisation that his group was responsible and said: "It is not the Gamaa who did the attack. The Gamaa claim is a lie."

The Islamabad attack is seen by security experts as signalling a new escalation in the campaign to overthrow President Mubarak and replace him with an Islamic republic (Christopher Walker writes). Gamaa al-Islamiya and Jihad have recruited Egyptian veterans of the Afghan war. The International Justice Group is less well known. The car bomb is also a new tactic, yet to be used in Egypt.

Later, a caller claiming to represent the International Justice Group said that it had carried out the attack. This previously unknown group claimed responsibility last week for the shooting of an Egyptian diplomat in Geneva.

Yesterday's bomb killed a counsellor, a deputy chief of the embassy, two Pakistani policemen, two security guards and some people who were at the embassy seeking visas. Sunday is a working day. The ambassador, who was shaken but unhurt, was taken from his office by a rescue party. Buildings across the street were damaged and windows were smashed in nearby embassies.

The bomb blast was heard throughout the city and shook buildings two blocks away. Several Japanese, British and French citizens in other diplomatic missions nearby, mostly by flying glass. They included at least three Britons in the British compound next to the Egyptian Embassy, two diplomats and one attaché at the Japanese Embassy, the French wife of a Spanish diplomat, an employee at the French Embassy and a girl at the French school.

The nearby Foreign Ministry building, the Pakistani Radio building, Parliament House, a bank, and the mission of the United Nations Development Programme were damaged. Many cars were destroyed and witnesses said that huge chunks of concrete were thrown hundreds of yards. The moans and screams of the injured could be heard as rescue workers arrived.

In Cairo, President Mubarak condemned the bombing as an evil crime "in opposition to all spiritual and humanitarian values". The attack was the worst on an Egyptian target abroad for years.

Pakistani officials said Egypt had provided a list of ten Islamic militants, most of them members of the Party of Islam, wanted for acts of terrorism. Cairo believes they may be hiding in Pakistan. The Bhutto Government recently signed an extradition treaty with Egypt, bringing protests from Pakistani opposition Islamic parties. Gazi Hussain Ahmed, chief of Jamaat-i-Islami, accused the Government of working against Islam.

Pakistan, worried about becoming a centre for Islamic extremists, has expelled more than 2,000 Arabs in the past two years, most of them Afghan war veterans from Egypt, Algeria, Sudan, Syria and Jordan. They arrived in Pakistan in the 1980s to fight against the forces of the former Soviet Union in Afghanistan. Many returned to their own countries to work for Islamic revolution after the Soviet Union pulled out of Afghanistan, but others stayed on, making Pakistan an important centre for Islamic revolutionary groups. Miss Bhutto has co-operated with America in tracking down suspected terrorists, despite objections by Islamic opposition parties.

☐ **Assiut:** Suspected Egyptian Muslim militants opened fire on a tourist train heading from Aswan to Cairo, killing a railway worker and injuring several people. *(Reuter)*

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The Egyptian Embassy in Islamabad yesterday, where 17 people were killed by a bomb for which three Muslim groups have claimed responsibility

Hunt for rebel chief as Tamil bastion collapses

BY CHRISTOPHER THOMAS

THE Sri Lankan Army claimed last night to be 800 yards from the centre of Jaffna, the collapsing headquarters of the Tamil Tigers, whose men and leaders have mostly scattered.

The Government offered millions of rupees for information about the whereabouts of Velupillai Prabhakaran, the Tigers' leader. He has abandoned his bunker on the city's northern outskirts.

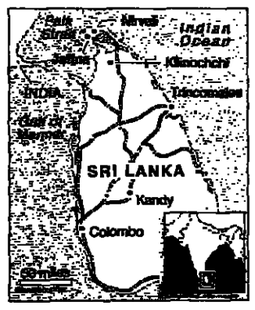
The inevitable fall of Jaffna, traditional capital of Tamil history and culture, will not end the war but will radically change it. The Tigers, who evolved into a conventional army, will revert to what they do best: terrorism. Eastern Province, where there are many Tamils, will be especially vulnerable. This was demonstrated yesterday with the killing of 38 troops near Shanthiveli in eastern Batticaloa.

State radio said that advancing troops killed several rebels and captured the area around the Nallur Hindu temple, near the heart of Jaffna, after resuming their forward push at dawn. Most troops have been withdrawn from the east to concentrate on the north, enabling the Tigers to roam freely and strike easily. The overstretched army is conducting a recruitment drive.

The army said the Tigers were "on the run" in Jaffna. Occupying the heart of the city, however, may prove costly and troops were last night ordered to halt their advance and reinforce the new front line. Unknown numbers of Tigers are prepared for the last battle, with the possibility of hand-to-hand fighting. Members of the suicide squad, the Black Tigers, are doubtless among the rebel forces.

The shattered town, which once had a population of 200,000, has been littered with anti-personnel mines by the Tigers, slowing down the army's advance and exacting a heavy toll. There has been fierce resistance and both sides have suffered heavy casualties. All but a few civilians have fled, leaving it to the two armies. The offensive has shattered the myth that the rebels are invincible.

Many of the rebels have moved off the Jaffna peninsula to other northern areas, parts of which are under Tiger control. Mr Prabhakaran is unlikely ever to be taken alive; like all Tamil Tigers he carries a cyanide capsule on a cord around his neck and has taken a vow of suicide to avoid capture.



Rabin's killer 'was Israeli agent'

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

THE state commission of inquiry into the series of security blunders that led to the November 4 assassination of Yitzhak Rabin began behind closed doors yesterday amid sensational claims of links between the right-wing assassin and Shin Bet, the Israeli equivalent of MI5.

Such is the bewilderment about the ease with which Yigal Amir was able to shoot the Prime Minister at close range that Moshe Shahal, the Police Minister, was forced to dismiss "as without a shred of truth" allegations that Mr Amir was assisted by someone inside Rabin's inner circle of guards.

Suspicions that right-wing elements within Shin Bet connived in a conspiracy to murder Rabin were increased by reports that Mr Amir had worked as an Israeli agent while supposedly teaching Hebrew in Latvia for three months in 1992. Israel Radio said it was alleged that he had used an identity card provided to him by the security services to gain access to the "quarantine zone" behind the stage at the Tel Aviv rally where he shot Rabin.

The conspiracy theories have also been fuelled by allegations that Shin Bet was tipped off about the assassin in all but name months ago and that one of the eight militants so far detained (and the only one released) was a Shin Bet agent for two years.

Reports that Avishai Raviv — head of the far-right organisation, Eyal, to which the plotters have been linked — was recruited by Shin Bet in order to flush out right-wing extremists, have further shocked the public. Yesterday rightwingers accused Mr Raviv, a friend of the assassin, of being an agent provocateur.

The Cabinet, in a sweeping crackdown, agreed yesterday to ban extreme right-wing Jewish groups, speed up the prosecution of members and bar supporters abroad from entering Israel, officials said.

Sudan rails at Ugandan 'occupation'

FROM REUTER IN NAIROBI

UGANDAN troops are still occupying parts of Sudan's Eastern Equatoria province, the Sudanese Embassy here said yesterday.

Uganda has repeatedly denied Sudanese claims that its troops are supporting southern Sudanese rebels. It says, however, that Ugandan rebels of the Christian fundamentalist Lord's Resistance Army have bases in the Sudan. After Sudan said last week that its forces were moving towards the border, Uganda said that it would resist any threat to its territory.

Describing the presence of Ugandan troops as an "apparent occupation" of Sudanese territory, the embassy said: "The Government counter-offensive has already begun by striking the foreign military presence in Kit and Magawe." Commenting on claims by the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army to be closing on Juba, the southern regional capital, it added: "It would be a fatal mistake for the SPLA and Ugandan troops to try to capture Juba."



Arafat: celebrating new milestone yesterday

Free Jenin welcomes Arafat

FROM ROSS DUNN IN JENIN, WEST BANK

MARKING another important milestone on the road to a Palestinian state, Yassir Arafat triumphantly returned to the West Bank town of Jenin yesterday and declared it free.

As an Egyptian helicopter carrying the Palestine Liberation Organisation leader appeared, about 10,000 excited Palestinians chanted, "With heart, with blood, we sacrifice ourselves for you." Within minutes of arriving, he appeared on a makeshift stage on the abandoned Israeli military headquarters' roof to emphasise Palestinians were at last liberating themselves from of oppression. "Jenin is free, free, free," he said, a week after Israeli troops had withdrawn after 28 years of military occupation.

He added that, with the "help of God", Palestinians would continue to take over other major towns and villages across the West Bank in the next two months, before the first self-rule elections on January 20. Finally, he said, Palestinians could look forward to the day when they would "all pray in Jerusalem".

Mr Arafat added that those who had attempted to sabotage the Israeli-PLO peace process had failed. "My brothers, this is the peace movement in the land of prophecy and so we should put our hands together in order to build the Palestinian state."

The speech marked his first visit to Jenin since it fell into Israeli hands during the 1967 War with the seizure of the West Bank. He was there for the weekly meeting of the Palestinian Authority Cabinet, specially convened in Jenin.

There was not a single protest from Israeli rightwingers, in contrastto little more than a year ago when Mr Arafat returned to the West Bank enclave of Jericho. Then Jewish settlers blocked roads.

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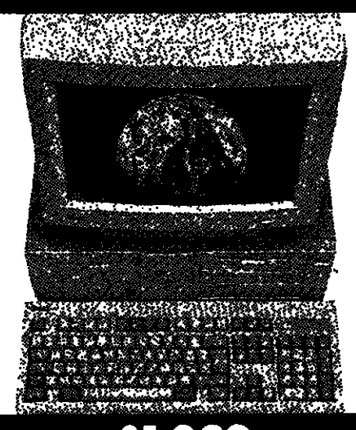
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Church berates Walesa's rival

Poland warned of 'pagan' takeover

FROM ROGER BOYES IN WARSAW

PRESIDENT WALESA was running neck-and-neck with his rival, Aleksander Kwasniewski, a former communist, yesterday as Poles cast their votes to decide the next head of state, and simultaneously grappled with their past.

An early exit poll last night showed Mr Walesa, with 50.35 per cent, just ahead of his rival on 49.65 per cent, too close a margin to make any prediction about the final result.

Cardinal Jozef Glemp, the Polish Roman Catholic Primate, said after voting in Warsaw that the nation faced a choice between Christian values and "neo-paganism". On the eve of polling, it had seemed that half of Poland was willing to contemplate — six years after the Solidarity revolution — a former communist President ruling alongside a parliament dominated by former communists and a government led by former communists. The reason was not so much the programme of Mr Kwasniewski, which contains more or less the same mix of promises as the Solidarity leader, as the broad antipathy to Mr Walesa, who in the past five years as President has upset or alienated every part of Polish society. Even so, intellectuals and Solidarity-rooted parties have overcome their distaste for Mr Walesa and have been calling on the nation to back him.

Jerzy Turowicz, a close confidant of the Pope and editor of the influential Catholic weekly *Tygodnik Powszechny*, said a vote for Mr Kwasniewski "would put the presidency, the Government and parliament in the hands of the heirs of the regime toppled six years ago, an administration that for almost 50 years blocked the path to freedom, independence and democracy".

Nonetheless the lack of enthusiasm for the former Solidarity hero shone through: Mr Walesa's merits have not been mentioned in any of the public appeals on his behalf. Artists supporting him are certainly not doing so out of self-interest: they have seen the culture budget shrink by more than a half since 1990.

A dozen bishops have publicly stated their preference for him. In the first round, a fortnight ago, priests urged their parishioners to vote against atheistic candidates — a clear reference to Mr Kwasniewski. Yet the signs are that the Church's influence on the behaviour of voters is declining.

In Minsk Mazowiecki, a rural community outside Warsaw, many farmers were yesterday saying that they would vote for Mr Kwasniewski in defiance of their priests. The reason is clear: market reform, everywhere apparent in the cities, has only barely registered in the countryside. Farmers remember the communist period as a time when they could sell their grain and produce at premium prices.



Prince Joachim and Princess Alexandra kissing after a traditional wedding waltz at Fredensborg Castle. Their honeymoon destination is a close secret

Royal wedding enthrals Danes

FROM CHRISTOPHER FOLLETT IN COPENHAGEN

THE first royal wedding in Denmark in 28 years, the marriage of Prince Joachim, second in line to the throne, to Alexandra Manley, a Hong Kong economist, took place at the weekend.

It was staged in a flurry of regal pomp in the exquisite chapel of 17th-century Frederiksborg Castle, stunningly sited on the lakeside at the town of Hillerod, north of Copenhagen, with Prince Joachim, 26, dressed in hussar uniform and Miss Manley, 31, wearing a white-quilted Italian silk wedding dress, dotted with 9,000 pearls, complete with 12ft train.

After an hour-long Lutheran ceremony on Saturday evening, the couple drove through Hillerod past thousands of flag-waving people who braved the cold to cheer them on their way to the nearby baroque Fredensborg Palace, the Royal Family's private residence.

There crowds had lined up with torch lights, and pipe and drum bands played. A gala pheasant and truffle banquet was held for 250 guests from seven nations, headed by Queen Margrethe II and her French husband, Prince Henrik. Prince Frederik, Prince Joachim's elder brother and heir to the throne, the kings and queens of Norway and Sweden, and a bevy of princes from Luxembourg, Belgium, Spain and Germany. The British Royal Family was represented by Prince Edward, a distant cousin of the groom.

During the festivities, television showed deserted city streets nationally as most people sat glued to their sets to follow the denouement of a rare royal romance in a country where the monarchy is fairly down-to-earth, untainted by controversy, and seemingly at its most popular.

Princess Alexandra's father, Richard Manley, is of English and Chinese descent while her Austrian mother, Christy, has Polish roots.

Gifts for the couple are said to have exceeded £1 million, including funds to restore their home, Schackenborg Castle.

Abrasive Chirac rounds on critics

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

WHEN ten European Union partners voted to condemn nuclear testing at the United Nations last week, the defiant response from President Chirac of France vividly demonstrated the aptness of his nickname, "Le Bulldozer".

M Chirac cancelled a summit with Lamberto Dini, the Italian Prime Minister, and postponed a meeting with Jean-Luc Dehaene, the Belgian Prime Minister, after Belgium and Italy joined eight other EU member states to support a UN resolution calling for an immediate end to nuclear testing. Only Britain voted with France to oppose the resolution.

The incident said much about M Chirac's emerging presidential style. After only six months in office, he has displayed a taste for confrontation that is at odds with the nuanced, sometimes machiavellian, approach of his predecessor, François Mitterrand.

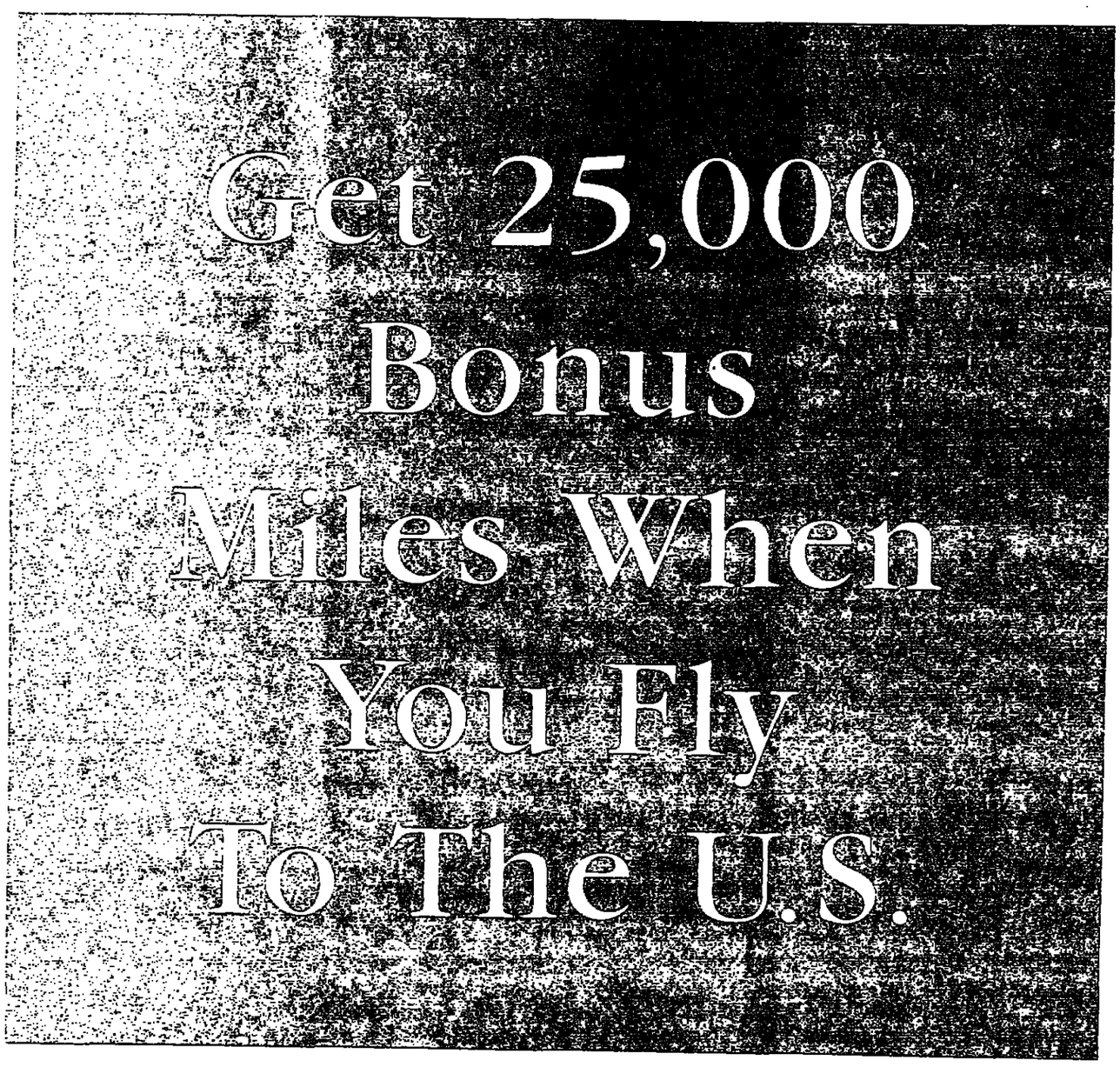
Quite apart from the controversial decison to resume nuclear testing, M Chirac has won few friends among world leaders by putting frankness above subtlety. Relations with Signor Dini have been cool since the European summit in Cannes last June, when M Chirac complained strongly about the negative effects on French agriculture of devaluing the lira. He also had sharp words for Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister, over his attitude to Bosnia-Herzegovina and personally took to task Wim Kok, the Dutch leader, for what Mr Chirac called a lax policy towards drug smuggling.

Charming in person, the President is often swift to take umbrage and abrasive if he feels honour is stake. When a meeting in New York with his Algerian counterpart was suddenly cancelled last month, M Chirac immediately held a press conference at which he claimed that President Zeroual was simply annoyed because he had turned down demands for a joint photographic session. This turned a tricky diplomatic situation into a mini-crisis.

M Chirac has also stirred angry responses at home. Student protests over demands for more teachers and classrooms will culminate tomorrow in a national day of action; on Friday public sector workers are to take to the streets in protest at a planned overhaul of the welfare system announced last week.

However, Mr Chirac's tenacity may be starting to pay off. The latest polls show that his popularity is still falling, but at a significantly slower rate than before. "I'm not here to be popular," the President remarked recently.

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End of peace talks heralds 'make or break' for Bosnia

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

BOSNIAN peace talks will conclude today either with the initialling of an agreement to end the war or with an announcement that the negotiations have broken down, the US State Department announced yesterday.

The talks could "go either way", said Nicholas Burns, the department's spokesman. Balkans sources claimed the negotiators were on the verge of reaching agreement, but American and European officials continued to give warnings that the deal could still come apart at the last minute.

Whatever happens, an event has been scheduled for this afternoon in Dayton, Ohio, that will either be a peace signing ceremony or an announcement that the intensive talks which began on November 1 have ended in failure and will be wrapped up.

President Tudjman left Croatia for America saying he expected the accord would be initialled today. Asked if the secret talks had come to fruition, he said: "It looks like it. If it wasn't so, they would not call me to come back." Other sources close to the negotiations said delegates made progress late on Saturday and early yesterday and that a deal was imminent. One difficult issue was a demand by the Bosnian Government for America to lift the arms embargo and swiftly provide a significant array of tanks, artillery and aircraft, plus training and supplies, to insure a balance of power with the Serbs.

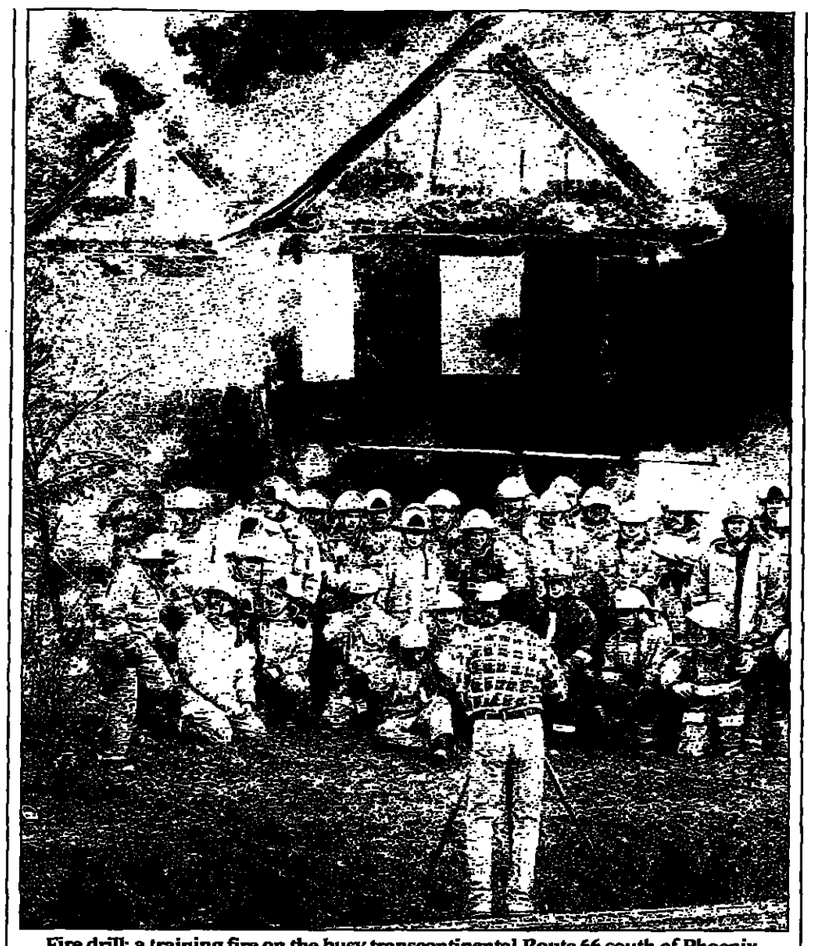
In the past, the Clinton Administration has said it would be ready to provide military support for the Muslim/Croat Federation after a peace deal, but has modified its stand as the idea has run into strenuous opposition from the Western European members of the Contact Group — Britain, France and Germany.

These governments believe that the only way to ensure a lasting peace is to disarm both sides. They also point to the impossibility of sending a neutral Nato force to supervise the peace if one side is receiving military support from Washington.

To add to the confusion, Mohamed Sacirbey, the Bosnian Foreign Minister, announced his resignation during a post-midnight round of drinks with reporters in a discotheque. Mr Sacirbey, who is a Muslim, said he was leaving so that a Bosnian Croat could take a senior post in the new Government under the envisaged ethnic power-sharing.

However, Mr Sacirbey was also believed to be unhappy with the settlement taking shape and annoyed by the leading role in the negotiations assumed by his rival, Haris Silajdzic, the Bosnian Prime Minister. It was not clear when Mr Sacirbey's resignation would take effect.

The urgent push for an agreement in recent days is a calculated change of strategy by Richard Holbrooke, chief negotiator for the Clinton Administration, with allied support. When the talks started, Mr Holbrooke said they were open-ended and could last up to three months. Since then, he has come to realise that the more time the negotiators were given, the more they tended to prevaricate, and so has been applying pressure on delegates for a result.



Fire drill: a training fire on the busy transcontinental Route 66 south of Phoenix, Arizona, brought together fire-fighters from several areas at the weekend. The property was being destroyed after its owner abandoned hope of finding a buyer

Congress moves to salvage budget

BY IAN BRODIE

PRESIDENT CLINTON reacted positively yesterday to a new Republican offer to end the budget impasse that has caused a partial shutdown of the American Government for the past week.

"They have obviously moved in the right direction," said Leon Panetta, the President's Chief of Staff, who was on his way to another negotiating session with the Republican leadership on Capitol Hill. "But they still have a way to go," he added.

Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, remained rancorous and accused Mr Clinton of misleading and frightening elderly Americans into thinking their healthcare benefits would be cut. However, Mr Gingrich also held out hope for yesterday's negotiations.

The latest offer adheres to the Republicans' insistence that Mr Clinton must agree to balance the federal budget within seven years, but offers some flexibility on how that would be achieved.

To the irritation of most Americans, the deadlock between the President and the Republican majority in Congress has come down to arcane disagreements over economic forecasts. The Republicans have relied on conservative estimates from the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office, but Mr Clinton prefers the more optimistic views of his own Office of Management and Budget.

Mr Clinton's estimates show a rosy economy which would give the Government more money to spend so that cuts in medical, welfare and education programmes would not need to be as severe as he claims the Republican plans would be. Until yesterday, the Republicans had refused to budge, but their new proposal calls for the budget to be estimated by the Congressional Budget Office "following a thorough consultation and review with the White House Office of Management and Budget and with other government and private experts."

The switch might be enough to unlock an interim spending Bill that would finance government operations for the 1996 financial year that began on October 1.



Dole: spent $2m on Florida campaign

Pyrrhic victory for Dole

FROM TOM RHODES IN ORLANDO

ROBERT DOLE won a critical straw poll in Florida yesterday but for the Magic Kingdom of Orlando the Republican prince's crown was one with little lustre.

After weeks of courting 3,400 delegates from Florida's 67 electoral counties, on which he spent $2 million (£1.25 million), Mr Dole achieved only 33 per cent in the poll, leaving Phil Gramm, the Texas senator, and Lamar Alexander, the former Tennessee Governor, within striking distance of the Republican nomination.

A subdued Scott Reed, the Dole campaign chief-of-staff, was less than convincing as he walked out of the Orlando convention centre. "A win is a win," he said. Privately, the Dole camp is depressed. Despite earlier predictions of at least 40 per cent in Florida and gifts to delegates of anything from free hotel rooms to dance lessons, the senator had achieved only lukewarm support.

Last night Mr Dole had some cheerful news: Newt Gingrich announced that he has decided not to seek the presidential nomination. Mr Gingrich indicated that his wife, Marianne, and younger daughter had talked yesterday about his running for the White House. He said: "Probably, we're going to announce — I would say early next week, or the week after — that I'm not going to run."

Elaborate land swaps hold key to deal in Dayton



*America has cloaked details of the talks in secrecy. Other members of the Contact Group have received only general information, **Michael Evans** writes*

THE search by American negotiators to forge a peace package to wrap up the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina after nearly four years and 200,000 deaths has involved an elaborate game of land swaps.

Although the Bosnian Serbs and the Croat/Muslim Federation have carved up Bosnia between them on an approximate 50-50 basis through military operations, four key territorial issues have threatened to unhinge the peace negotiations at Dayton airbase.

The Americans have kept the talks so secret that even the four other Contact Group members — Britain, France, Germany and Russia — have been informed of progress only on a general basis.

Some of the group's original proposals, including the plan for Sarajevo to be administered by the United Nations for two years, may be discarded. One bizarre idea, to build a flyover for the Bosnian Muslims over the Serb-controlled Posavina corridor in the north-east to allow them a link with the port of Brcko on the Sava river, also seems unlikely to survive.

Territorial issues causing the greatest headache for negotiators have been: the future status of Sarajevo; the Posavina corridor that links Serbia proper to the Bosnian Serb territories in north-west Bosnia; the Serb demand for an outlet to the Adriatic; and the Muslims' insistence on a large slice of land linking Sarajevo to Gorazde, their last enclave in eastern Bosnia.

The proposal to hand over the running of Sarajevo to the UN has been rejected by the Serbs who said the move would merely postpone a long-term solution for two years for the capital. Bosnian Serbs still insist that, to protect the 120,000 Serbs living there, Sarajevo should be divided into districts, allowing each a degree of autonomy. The Muslims want the capital to be unified under Bosnian administration.

Sarajevo's future has been the most sensitive and complex aspect of the negotiations because it represents for Muslims the single most important symbol of their dream to retain a unified Bosnian state.

While the Bosnian Government is intent on creating a strong central administration, the Serbs want the real power to be handed to the two separate Serb and Croat/Muslim Federation entities, which are to control 49 per cent and 51 per cent, respectively, of a unified Bosnia.

The Muslims have always sought to maintain a powerful central administration, arguing it was the sole guarantee against a de facto division of Bosnia between its Serbian and Croatian neighbours.

A land corridor to Gorazde has also been a crucial element at Dayton. With Zepa and Srebrenica in Serb hands, it was at one time suggested that the Muslims should also surrender Gorazde in return for more land around Sarajevo. But the talks have focused on keeping Gorazde under the Croat/Muslim Federation, with a guaranteed link to Sarajevo.

The most controversial land deal envisaged has involved territory around the Posavina corridor, only two or three miles wide. Since the Bosnia war began in April 1992, the Serbs have tried to widen the corridor to prevent Muslim and Croat forces targeting their main supply route along the northern border to Banja Luka. The talks are understood to have been faced with a demand from the Serbs at least to double the corridor's width, encroaching on the Orasje pocket where there is a large Croat community.

For three years, Serbs have also fought for access to the Adriatic and it now seems there may be an agreement in principle that Croatia will allow them a thin strip of land to the sea, close to the border with Montenegro at the Croatian ports of Previaka and Molunat.

In exchange, the Serbs would cede land around Dubrovnik, meaning the withdrawal of Serb guns from within range of the historic walled city.

Serb war crimes plea

Belgrade: A pro-government Serbian newspaper called yesterday for an investigation into alleged massacres by Bosnian Serbs after they captured the United Nations "safe area" of Srebrenica, and said the guilty had to be punished.

Politika newspaper said Serbs had to expose war crimes committed by their own side if they wanted Muslim and Croat war criminals to be brought to justice. "If there were Serbs who were able to kill a child or shoot an old man in the back, they must be punished," said the paper which usually reflects the views of the Serbian leadership. "This is the best way to wash the shame from the faces of brave Serb soldiers who fought for their state." *(Reuter)*

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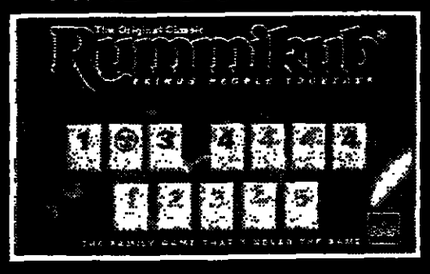
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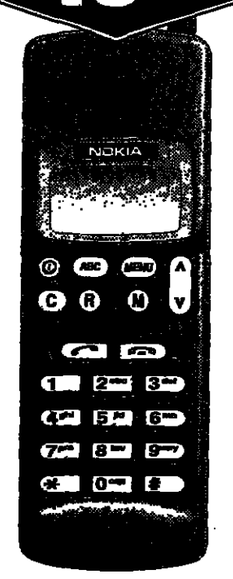
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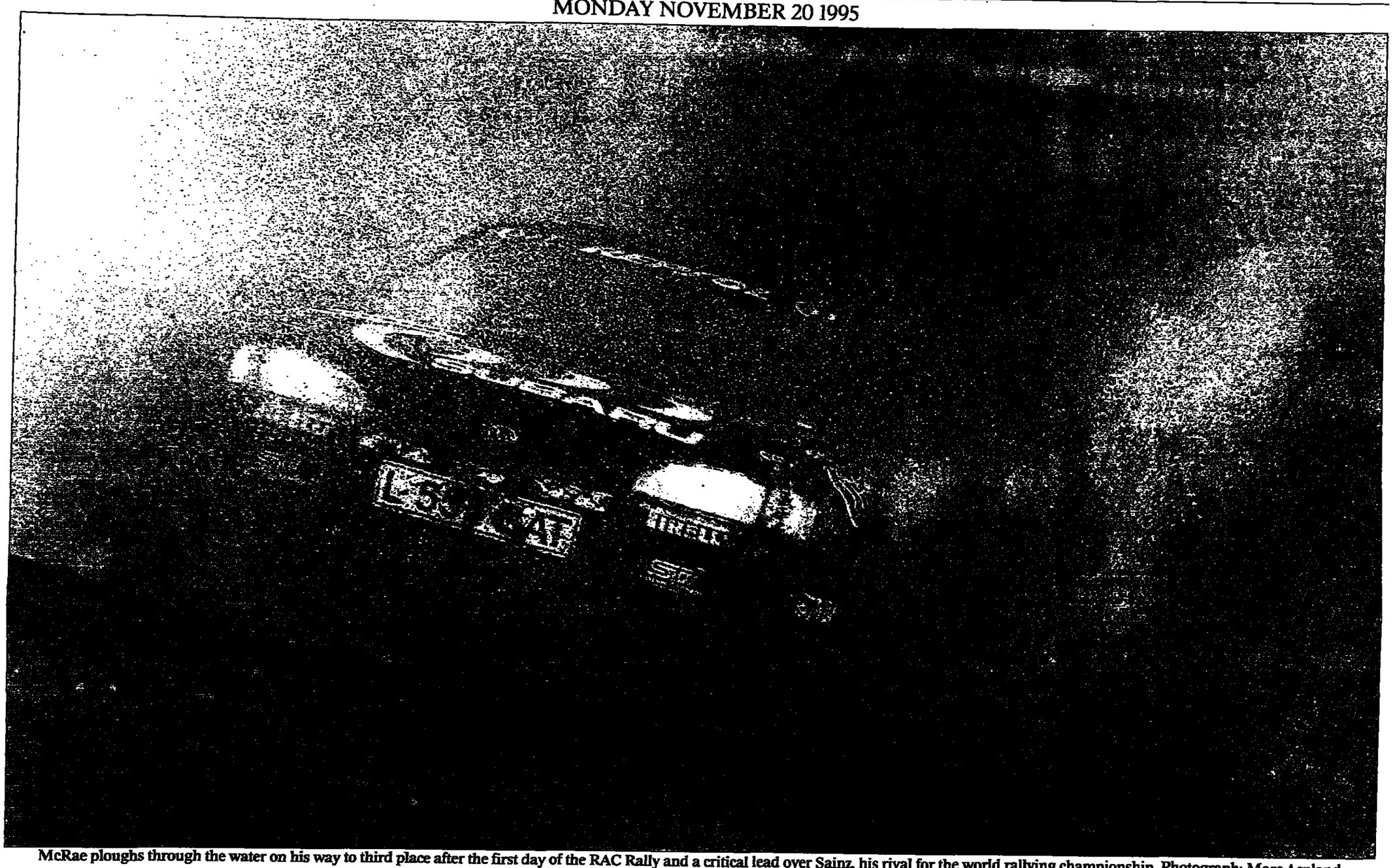
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McRae ploughs through the water on his way to third place after the first day of the RAC Rally and a critical lead over Sainz, his rival for the world rallying championship. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Scot leads bitter rival as title race enters final phase

Calm McRae edges away

BY OLIVER HOLT

COLIN McRAE was in third place at the end of the first day of the Network Q RAC Rally last night, but he was happy. A Finn and a Swede wiped out the early lead he had established but he did not care. McRae, who is attempting to become Britain's first world rallying champion, was ahead of his team-mate, Carlos Sainz, and that was all that mattered.

From its start here in Chester early yesterday morning to its overnight halt in Leeds, all eyes were on the race within the rally, the grudge match between the Scot and the Spaniard. The first day, traditionally, is seen as a synthetic, spectator-orientated prelude to the real action but this year the stakes are so high that the tension was evident from the moment the drivers screeched off the starting ramp.

The protagonists were not concerned about any of the others, either. In a rally shorn of the suspended Toyota team and its leading driver, Juha Kankkunen, McRae and Sainz allowed Tommi Makinen and Kenneth Eriksson, in their Mitsubishi Lancers, to steal into a modest lead as they shadowed each other like nervous assassins trying to manoeuvre for the killshot. The championship leaders had 70 points entering this, the final round, and neither could afford a mistake before the event enters its proving ground in the Kielder Forest today.

They were so closely matched that they set identical times on three successive stages — timed dashes from one point to another — as the drivers climbed over the Pennines and dusk began to fall. On others, they were separated by just a second. Sainz, who took the world championship in 1990 and 1992, won the first stage, McRae the second, before they allowed the Mitsubishis to take control. Only on the second stage, at Chatsworth, where Sainz's Subaru Impreza sustained a damaged radiator when it hit the water splash particularly hard, was McRae able to gain a significant advantage.

By the end of the day, McRae, who became the first Briton to win his home event for 18 years when he triumphed last year, had eked out a gap of 14 seconds on the double world champion. It could be doubled or wiped out when they tackle the longest stage in world rallying today but it left the Scot the happier of the two. "It is a sunny day and Carlos is behind," McRae said, "so all is well."

There was no hint in either of their public utterances of the bitterness that has added an extra edge to a contest that would have been fraught anyway. Last month, in the Catalonian Rally, McRae was forced to adhere to team orders and let Sainz win on home ground. McRae, furious, obeyed only at the last minute and in a manner which made it crystal clear he could have won. Sainz felt his team-mate had not acted honourably. They have attempted a *rapprochement* but it has been only partially successful and, if their words were not unkind yesterday, their faces, peering out of the windows of their blue and yellow cars as they spoke to roving interviewers, betrayed the anger that drove their determination.

This time there are no team orders and, barring accidents or mechanical failures, it seems certain to be a fight right to the finish on Wednesday. "I'm happy with my position," Sainz said. "Now my focus is on reaching the end of the rally without making any mistakes — and overtaking Colin in the process."

Ironically, though, the injustice that most believe was perpetrated on McRae in Spain appears to have worked to his benefit. The right to compete is what every sportsman holds dear and its public abrogation is bound to mobilise opinion in favour of the wronged man. His actions did not endear him to the management of Prodrive, which runs the Subaru team, but that was forgotten a few days later when Sainz announced he was to leave for the now disgraced Toyota team next season.

"I think it's going to be difficult for Carlos throughout the rally," McRae said. "It is going to be interesting. There will be an atmosphere within the team. I know the mechanics were all very disappointed in Spain. All these guys are behind me. He's going to feel like a bit of an outsider and he must be feeling that already."

"If something happens during this event and I fail to win the world championship by three or four points then the events in Spain will have proved crucial," McRae said. "To say I will be angry if that is the case is an understatement. Still, it's always a relief to reach the end of the first day on this event. Many good drivers have seen their rallies come to an early finish."

McRae, who used to be notorious for his wild driving and his early exits from rallies, has led the RAC Rally before at this stage only to come to grief in the forests. But his driving has shown increasing maturity in the past 12 months and there was only one minor alarm yesterday when he sent some hay bales flying early in the day when he went wide at a corner.

"I think he would rather be hitting the straw today than a tree in Kielder tomorrow," David Richards, the Prodrive managing director, said.

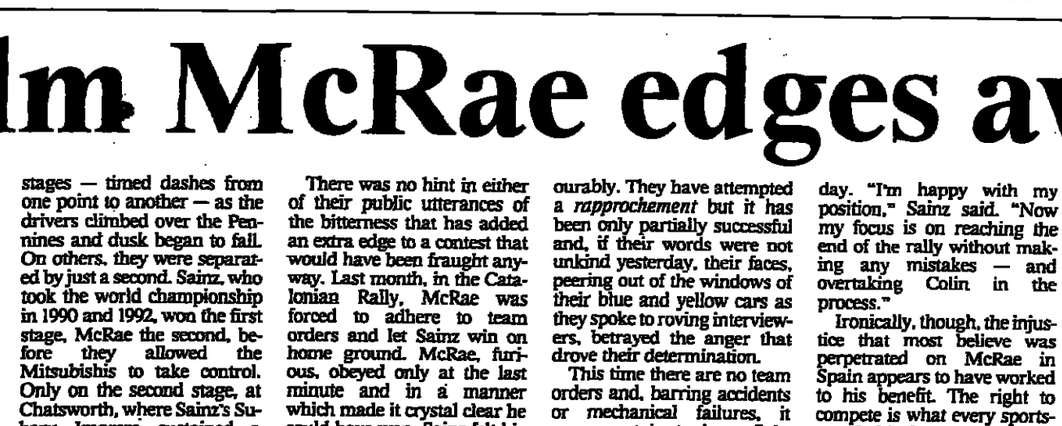
One of the many competitors who will not make it that far is Ian Jones, an assistant bank manager from Leicestershire. His Vauxhall Nova failed to reach the end of the first stage and, after a few agonising minutes trying to diagnose the problem with his car, the engineers discovered that he had in fact run out of petrol.

TOMORROW'S STAGES: Stage 8: Hamsterley (16.92miles); Stage 9: Pundershaw (36.61m); Stage 10: Broomylirn (11.45m); Stage 11: Wauchope (8.80m). Stage 12: Kershope (22.54m). Stage 13: Grizedale West (17.39m); Stage 14: Grizedale East (4.73m)

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LEADING POSITIONS (after seven stages): 1, T Makinen and S Harjanne (Fin, Mitsubishi) 30min 18sec; 2, K Eriksson and S Parmander (Swe, Mitsubishi) 30:29; 3, C McRae and D Ringer (GB, Subaru) 30:30; 4, C Sainz and L Moya (Sp, Subaru— 30:44; 5, B Thiry and S Prevot (Bel, Ford) 31:05; 6, M Wilson and B Thomas (GB, Ford) 31:11; 7, A McRae and C Wood (GB, Ford) 31:19; 8, G de Mevius and J M Fortin (Bel, Ford) 31:42; 9, R Burns and R Reid (GB, Subaru) 32:13; 10, A Navarra and R Casazza (It, Toyota) 32:43.

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BBC slides into full panic mode over Captain Magnificent



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When, oh when (as they say on *Points of View*) will the BBC wake up to the fact that *everything* that happens at an international sporting event is news. Riots, streakers, injuries, whatever — if it takes place on or around the field of play, we viewers can surely expect to see what is going on.

Not according to the censorious BBC. As Will Carling lay seemingly seriously injured on the pitch, the BBC's cameras treated us to an aerial tour of the new Twickenham, with Nigel Starmer-Smith waxing maddeningly lyrical about "this magnificent edifice". What about Captain Magnificent, screamed several million anxious England supporters? Was he still unconscious, who was treating him, what are the emergency medical facilities like at Twickenham, why did they need another stretcher . . .? The questions grew, but answers came there none.

The BBC had gone into full panic mode. Faced with a replay that showed Carling being awkwardly engulfed by a ton and half of forwards and the evidence of a brief shot showing the England captain unconscious and apparently in distress, the BBC imperiously decided that the nation's eyes should be averted. With the hapless Starmer-Smith (presumably commentating to instructions) rapidly running out of architectural inanities, you got the distinct impression that it would not be long before someone started playing sombre music.

The BBC will no doubt respond by saying that its cameras should not intrude at a medical emergency and, indeed, they should not. But nor should they ignore it. An unobtrusive long shot would have enabled us to see what was going on without revealing any grim medical procedure, while at the same time allowing Starmer-Smith and Bill Beaumont to commentate sensibly. As former England internationals they must know a little about serious neck injuries and, as BBC commentators, they should know a lot about medical facilities at Twickenham.

What the emergency also revealed was the lack of a touchline reporter, a position which has become the norm for coverage of most ball games and which the BBC itself used to good effect in its coverage of the rugby league world cup. Julian Tutt was in the tunnel for some slightly awkward post-match interviews, so surely he could have been called on to provide further journalistic assistance, particularly once Carling had been stretchered off.

The Carling incident apart, it was the proverbial day of mixed fortune for the BBC. Successes included superb replays of Chester Williams clearly scoring a legitimate first try and Rob Andrew's impressively eloquent debut as studio expert. Failures, however, included cameras that were positioned too high to determine whether goal-kicks had gone over or under the crossbar; a curious close-up of Williams dropping his shorts at half-time and, most importantly of all, the missing of Joel Stransky's punch. The latter indicates that the BBC has made no progress in working out how to capture off-the-ball incidents since it became a recurring problem during the last five nations' championship.

The challenge is a difficult one, with British camera operators and producers trained to follow the ball not the player. But I am sure that the problem can be solved — I still think there are lessons to be learnt from coverage of American football, where there is a long tradition of specific cameras following the players rather than the ball.

By contrast, in South Africa there appears to be a long tradition of cameras following specific spectators, judging by the number of bikini-clad beauties that hove into view between overs during Sky's coverage of the first Test. Sky says it hadn't noticed and most of the pictures were provided by the South African Broadcasting Corporation. Whoever fields the blame, let us hope that the rain has dampened their ardour. Perhaps not quite everything that happens at an international sporting event is news after all.

England find silver lining in stalemate

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN PRETORIA

PRETORIA has received a quarter of its annual rainfall this weekend, which is cause for celebration among the farmers of the high veld but depressing for all those involved in cricket. The first Test match that England have played in South Africa for 30 years will now be remembered primarily as one of the wettest in recent memory.

A second successive abandonment, confirmed shortly after lunch yesterday, dispelled any remaining prospect of an England victory and consigned the game to stalemate. The final day will be academic. Even if the weather relents, the best England can hope for is enough cricket to give the bowlers some essential match practice and to undermine further the confidence of the South Africans.

This has been a mortifying match for the host country. It always seemed questionable thinking to stage the first game of the series in an untried and somewhat remote venue, and its viability depended on near-capacity crowds on both days of the weekend.

The financial setback, however, has been matched by the deflation of the South African team spirits. One member of their camp sighed yesterday that they have got only three things wrong this week — their team, the toss and the song.

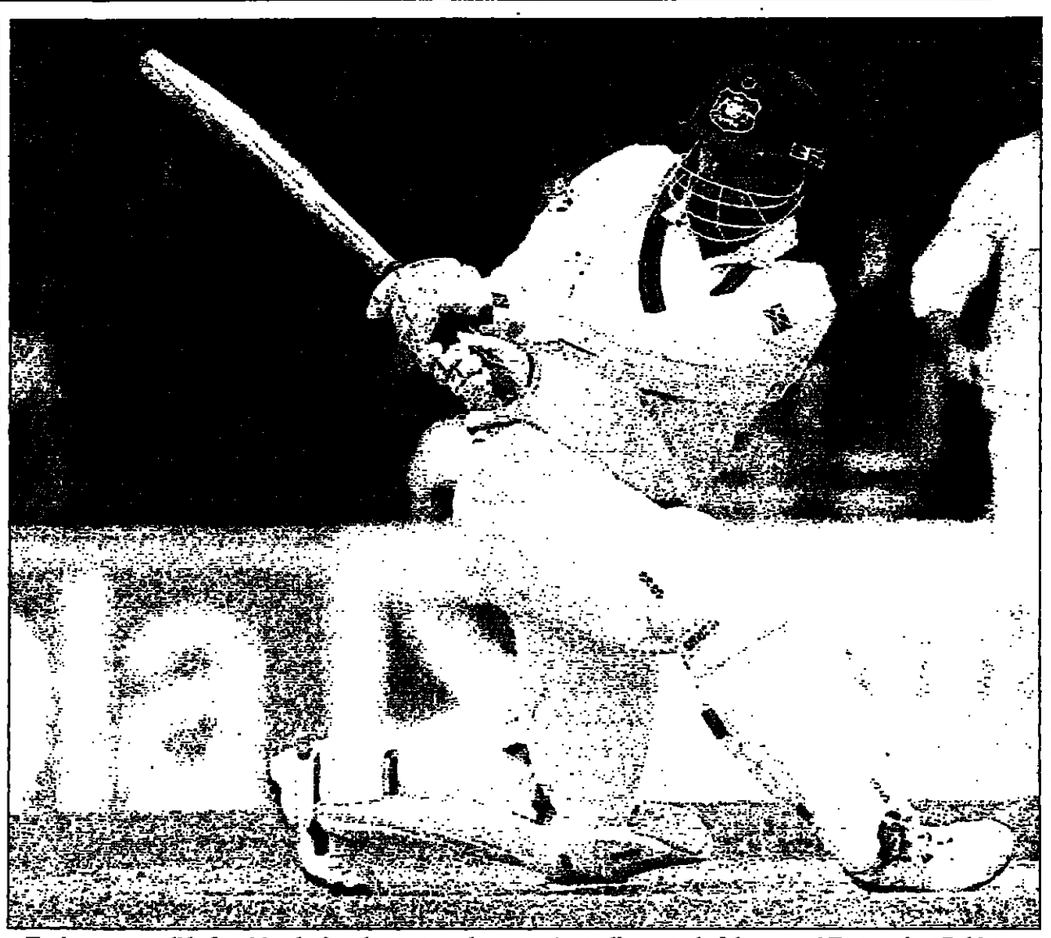
The song is an excruciatingly out-of-tune rendition of *Dreadlock Holiday*, recorded by the players as a team anthem. It is expected to be a colossal hit, though whether that will cover their embarrassment is doubtful. The other two matters are more serious. It was as misguided to select an exclusively seam attack as it was to give England first use of an inoffensive pitch. Both decisions were preconceived and took no account of the conditions.

The weather may have saved them from exposure, but these tactics suggest a narrowness that the South Africans must shed. With the fitness of Brett Schultz in serious doubt, they may do so today by including the exotic left-arm spin bowler, Paul Adams, in their squad for the next Test, in Johannesburg. Adams continues to excite popular interest here, but with three fast bowlers among the South Africa selectors, it will be no surprise if they stubbornly persevere with pace.

Fanie de Villiers, a missing link of incalculable importance, is a long way from fitness and, although Shaun Pollock has impressed greatly on his debut, the reliance on Allan Donald is even greater than had seemed likely. If England continue to play him as well as they have done here, the series is there to be won.

England's main concern is to keep their bowlers in work. Two of the Test attack, Dominic Cork and Richard Illingworth, have not bowled competitively for a fortnight, and there is a chance that the need to employ them against Free State later this week will mean Mark Ilott and Peter Martin missing a third consecutive match.

Events in this curtailed game, however, have encouraged England far more than the home side. They have avoided defeat in the first Test of a tour for the first time in four years, they have batsmen in form and — the greatest rarity at this stage of a trip — they are unencumbered by injuries. It is the South Africans who will move on with anxiety.



Taylor sweeps all before him during the century that gave Australia control of the second Test against Pakistan

Taylor puts Australia in charge

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN HOBART

TO WIN the second Test against Australia, and go to Sydney next week with the series tied at 1-1, Pakistan must make 376 in the last innings of a match that has confounded everybody's expectations. They have two days to do it but, to put matters into perspective, they have never made more than 315 to win a Test match, and the fact that they achieved that score at Karachi last year adds piquancy to the situation.

As everybody knows by now, it was during that match, which Pakistan won by a single wicket, that Salim Malik, then the captain, allegedly attempted to bribe Shane Warne and Tim May, the Australia spinners. A judicial tribunal rejected the claims last month.

Salim is not playing, unable to grip a bat properly after having his left thumb opened up at Brisbane. Nor can Warne take any further part in the match. Waqar Younis broke his left toe with a yorker on the first day and the best Warne can hope for is a clean bill of health for Sydney, which may not be forthcoming.

So this giddy waltz continues apace, the dancers flung together by happenstance as the music whirls around them. Without their leg spinner, who took 11 wickets in the first Test, Australia dismissed the touring team for 198 on Saturday and must be favoured to secure the series, possibly with a day to spare if Pakistan bat as recklessly as they did in the first innings. They still have all their wickets intact but Aamir Sohail retired hurt before stumps with a thigh strain.

There are times when a team declares itself and the start of Australia's second innings proved to be one of those defining moments. There were 24 overs left on Saturday, an "in-between" session that could have been awkward had a wicket or two gone down. Furthermore, Wasim Akram ran in with purpose, singeing the batsmen's curls and earning a no-ball call from Dickie Bird when he pinged three successive bouncers at Mark Taylor.

Taylor, with mighty assistance from Michael Slater, won the battle. By the end of the day the openers had put 107 on the board, bracingly and at times brilliantly. This was batting of the highest class and revealed the confidence and sheer zest of a team that bristles with the right sort of aggression. Waqar, clobbered for 32 from four overs, left the attack a broken reed.

What a player Slater is. People worry that he plays too many strokes when the shine is on the ball but when he takes the fight to the bowlers, as he did here with an array of cracking pulls, the shine is not on it for long. The very first ball yesterday, from Wasim, he smashed behind square leg for four and when he was out leg before to Mushtaq's flipper shortly afterwards he had made 73 sparkling runs that were worth many more.

Mushtaq toiled away, as he did in the first innings, to finish with nine wickets in the match. He appealed far too often, as is his custom, but he has done more than anybody to keep Pakistan in with a winning chance. Wasim shouldered a manly burden and had to because Waqar, despite ending Taylor's innings on 123, is clearly short of full pace. He feels he can regain it but dodgy backs have been known to end many a fast bowler's career, and he does not yet trust himself to charge in flat out.

Taylor played a typically steady hand in making his fourteenth hundred in 68 Tests. Anybody who has a feel for the game must admire him for harnessing his ability as a batsman, and for subtly altering the emphasis of this team. A year after inheriting the job from Allan Border, he has made it very much his own without once straining for effect. By tonight he should have won his third Test series.

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Second Innings

*M A Taylor b Waqar	123
M J Slater lbw b Mushtaq	73
D C Boon c Waqar b Mushtaq	0
M E Waugh b Wasim	3
S R Waugh c Moin b Akram	29
G S Blewett c Basit b Wasim	11
†I A Healy c Inzamam b Wasim	24
P R Reiffel b Mushtaq	0
C J McDermott c Wasim b Mushtaq	20
G McGrath not out	2
S K Warne absent injured	0
Extras (b 6, lb 5, w 1, nb 9)	21
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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-120, 2-125, 3-132, 4-189, 5-233, 6-255, 7-256, 8-298, 9-306

BOWLING: Wasim 26.1-7-72-3; Waqar 20-4-67-1; Akram 10-1-58-1; Mushtaq 38-8-83-4, Aamir 8-2-15-0

PAKISTAN: First Innings

Aamir Sohail c Healy b Reiffel	32
Ramiz Raja c and b Reiffel	59
Inzamam-ul-Haq c Healy b S R Waugh	27
Ijaz Ahmed not out	34
Basit Ali lbw b McGrath	2
†Moin Khan b McDermott	12
*Wasim Akram c Taylor b McDermott	2
Waqar Younis c Sub b Reiffel	10
Mohammad Akram lbw b Reiffel	0
Extras (lb 1, nb 6)	7
Total	198

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-24, 3-79, 4-126, 5-150, 6-155, 7-173, 8-183, 9-198

BOWLING: McDermott 18-2-72-2; McGrath 19-4-46-3; Reiffel 15.5-3-38-4; M E Waugh 8-0-23-0; S R Waugh 6-0-18-1

Second Innings

Salim Elahi not out	7
Aamir Sohail retd hurt	0
Ramiz Raja not out	6
Extras (lb 2)	2
Total(nowkts)	15

BOWLING: McDermott 4-2-6-0; McGrath 4-1-7-0; Reiffel 1-1-0-0.

Umpires: H D Bird (Eng) and D B Hair (Aus).

Cheer for Croatia even in defeat

BY SARAH FORD

A NEW slogan for a new footballing nation, the seemingly uninspiring "Let's Go Croatia" spurred the Croatian men's team to victory in group four of the qualifying competition for the European championship.

Croatia's women's footballers were as vociferous in their use of the Croatian federation chant at The Valley, Charlton, yesterday in the European championship tie against England, but they could not contain the home team who romped to a 5-0 win.

The scoreline indicated the gulf in status between the teams but England, 4-0 up at half-time, found it difficult to break down the Croatia defence in the second half.

All credit to the visitors, who have come a long way in just three years. Although women's football was played in the former Yugoslavia before the war, Ivancica Sudac-Junanci, international secretary for the Croatian Football Federation, said: "Women's football is just at the beginning . . . during the war there were lots of difficulties. No funds, no money, for all kinds of football . . . certainly not enough for the girls."

There are only five clubs in Croatia — compared to 500 in England. After the 1993 European championship, the federation vowed that it would not enter the international team in any official women's football European championships until there were at least 12 clubs in existence.

The lure of international experience against England, Italy and Portugal in group three was too much and the federation went back on its words. The results have been poor — and they have lost all three games so far, 5-0 to England yesterday, 7-0 to Italy and 2-0 to Portugal.

So, it was no surprise that England penned the Croats into their own half for most of the match. Indeed, Croatia waited until the 67th minute for their first and only chance — a weak shot from Danyaynovic that was comfortably held by Pauline Cope at the near post.

In the first half, England broke down the Croatia defence with two goals from each striker, Karen Farley and Karen Walker. Hope Powell, who produced an inspired performance, was instrumental in two of the goals as she ran the defence ragged.

Kelly Smith added the fifth goal in injury time with a penalty, having been brought down by a crude challenge from Andreja Rogar.

The victory puts England in second place behind Italy in group three and leaves Croatia stranded at the bottom.

Davis in danger of early defeat

BY PHIL YATES

STEVE DAVIS was struggling to avoid losing in the opening round of the Royal Liver Assurance United Kingdom snooker championship at Preston for the first time in his career last night.

Davis, winner of the title six times between 1980 and 1987, trailed Stephen Lee, of Trowbridge, 6-2 after a session which lasted four hours and 24 minutes. Progress was so slow that three of the other seven matches were over before Davis and Lee broke for their mid-session interval after four frames.

It is inevitable that this Davis performance will be blamed on newspaper allegations about his private life, but the former world champion has been in poor form all season and suffered a rare whitewash when beaten 5-0 by Nigel Bond in the second round of the Thailand Classic last month.

Lee, 20, the world No 37, failed to win a frame in his last meeting with Davis — in the quarter finals of the 1993 Grand Prix — but he gradually assumed control. Good fortune, specifically in the form of a fluked red in the seventh frame which launched a clearance to the black, also helped Lee's cause.

Davis was left requiring seven of the remaining nine frames for victory but, having been under pressure over the past week, it is doubtful whether he possesses the necessary will or concentration.

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John Parrott, Jimmy White and Ronnie O'Sullivan, who have all won the UK title in the 1990s, enjoyed untroubled passages through to the last 32 on Saturday.

Parrott, the 1991 winner, highlighted a 9-2 victory over Jamie Woodman with a 135 total clearance in the penultimate frame and White, whose last ranking-event triumph came at the Guild Hall three years ago, dismissed Matt Wilson 9-5.

In many respects, however, it was the display of O'Sullivan which impressed. The player who, in 1993, defeated Stephen Hendry in the UK final when still a week short of his 18th birthday, included breaks of 108, 87, 71 and 70 in beating Steve Meakin 9-3.

Saddled by continuing family problems, O'Sullivan lost his initial contest in the Thailand Classic and Skoda Grand Prix, but against Meakin he appeared more focused. Significantly, O'Sullivan was his usual gregarious self after being subdued on and off the table for so long.

"It's horrible being beaten, but I'm not the kind of person to dwell on it," O'Sullivan, who has slipped from third to seventh in the provisional world rankings, said. "I feel better in myself. I'm more relaxed than I have been and I think it's time to start winning again."

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Headley presses cup claims

FROM PAT GIBSON IN MULTAN

IT WOULD be foolish to predict that Dean Headley is going to follow his father and grandfather into Test cricket purely on the strength of his performances for the England A team in Pakistan, but he is thrusting himself forward as a candidate for the World Cup, which will be staged on the sub-continent early next year.

John Emburey, the team manager, confirmed as much last night after Headley, grandson of the legendary George and son of Ron, who played for Worcestershire, had bowled England A to the brink of victory in the first of their three five-day international matches.

When the umpires brought the third day to a farcical close by deciding that the light had gone despite the fact that Salisbury, the leg spinner, had just been struck for four and some of the England players were still wearing sunglasses, Pakistan A were 115 for five, still 75 runs away from avoiding an innings defeat.

England had Headley to thank for their position of strength. He had bowled well for little reward in Pakistan A's first innings. When they went in again, 190 behind, he bowled even better, shouldering extra responsibility because Giddins had a side strain and White was off the field with a high temperature and producing figures of three for 25 in 20 overs.

It was a considerable effort in unforgiving conditions. "I think he could do a good job in the World Cup," Emburey said. "When the tour reports are handed in, his name could well go forward as a candidate." The irony is that Headley was not originally chosen for the tour. He was called in when Martin was promoted to the senior side to replace the injured Johnson.

Had it not been for Asif Mujtaba, the only batsman of any quality in the Pakistan side, England would probably have won inside three days. Pakistan's best 18 players are in Australia, but if these are the next best, they are in more trouble than we thought.

PAKISTAN A: First Innings 137 (Shadid Anwar 50; I D K Salisbury 6-39).

Second Innings

Mohammad Ramzan c Piper b Headley	12
Shadid Anwar lbw b Stemp	30
Shadab Kabir lbw b Headley	1
*Asif Mujtaba not out	36
Saeed Asad b Headley	10
Naveed Rana c Piper b Stemp	3
Akram Raza not out	15
Extras (b 2, lb 4, nb 2)	8
Total (5 wkts)	115

†Wasim Yousuf, Nadeem Khan, Kabir Khan and Mohammad Zahid to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-26, 3-64, 4-82, 5-98

BOWLING: Headley 20-10-25-3; Giddins 10-3-15-0; Salisbury 7.2-0-17-0; Stemp 20-6-45-2; Irani 5-2-7-0

ENGLAND A: First Innings

N V Knight c Yousif b Asif	46
J E R Gallian b Asif	62
*N Hussain c Raza b Naveed	52
A McGrath c Yousif b Akram Raza	0
R C Irani b Zahid	58
C White lbw b Kabir	19
†K J Piper c Shadab b Zahid	46
I D K Salisbury b Zahid	8
R D Stemp b Kabir	1
D W Headley b Mohammad	13
E S H Giddins not out	0
Extras (b 2, lb 6, nb 14)	22
Total	327

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-119, 2-120, 3-121, 4-213, 5-234, 6-274, 7-291, 8-292, 9-324

BOWLING: Kabir 23-7-72-2; Mohammad 22.2-1-67-4; Naveed 15-6-48-1; Nadeem 18-3-59-0; Raza 24-6-51-1; Asif 12-3-22-2

Umpires: Shakoel Khan and Mian Mohammad Aarnan

Britain achieve target with Simpson goal

THERE was an added spring in Great Britain's step after they followed up the 2-1 victory over Germany on Saturday with a splendid 1-0 win against China in the women's hockey Olympic qualifying tournament in Cape Town yesterday.

Sue Slocombe, the Great Britain coach, was the first to admit that it had not been an exciting or skilful contest against the physical approach adopted by China, but she was delighted that the team have secured their target of five points after three matches.

The win on Saturday against the Olympic silver medal-winners had taken its toll on the players, and they lacked the same speed of purpose around the pitch. Tight marking by both sides led to a crowded midfield and neither team was able to create many clear-cut chances.

Sue MacDonald missed a great chance in the ninth minute when she hesitated and was dispossessed, and the Chinese sweeper, Yang Hong-Bing, cleared a Sue Fraser penalty corner strike off the line.

As the second half progressed a scoreless draw seemed imminent but Rhona Simpson made a fine break to put her team ahead in the 56th minute. Her compatriots, Pauline Robertson and Fraser, had scored a goal in each half against Germany, and the Scottish forward kept up the record.

Beating two defenders, she drew the goalkeeper and although moving at pace away from goal, she deftly reverse-sticked the ball into an empty net. It was her first goal for Great Britain.

Slocombe said that the team tired in the final 20 minutes, but had dug deep when it mattered. She added: "It was a tough battle and I thought that Karen Brown was outstanding against their most dangerous forward. We'll celebrate before focusing on tomorrow's match against Korea."



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German plans new attack on No 1 spot after taking ATP tour title

Resurgent Becker too powerful for Chang

FROM STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT IN FRANKFURT

BORIS BECKER'S sense of drama, which had illuminated the end of season tournament, stayed with him to the end. Nobody else could so fittingly have brought down the curtain on the last ATP Tour championship final to be staged in the Festhalle, his favourite indoor arena.

With a typically explosive ace, his 24th of the afternoon and his 802nd of the year, he completed the event which is to be staged in Hanover for the next four years. The parting blow was worth $1,225,000 (about £790,000), the prize for subduing the indefatigable Michael Chang 7-6, 6-0, 7-6.

The greater reward, though, was the satisfaction Becker gained. It had been mounting throughout the week. He came through a tense tie-break in the final set of his first round-robin match and, after being beaten by Pete Sampras, had to win his last match in straight sets against Yevgeny Kafelnikov to survive.

Six times he was on the verge of failing and he was in danger again during a prolonged semi-final against

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Thomas Enqvist, the only player to have remained unbeaten during the preliminary stages. By yesterday the German's sense of destiny inside his spiritual home had become irrepressible.

Chang, developing into more than a defensive counter-puncher, had on Saturday knocked out the defending champion, Sampras, in straight sets. Sampras, having been assured of retaining his status as the world's No 1, appeared at best to be careless. At worst, he did not seem to care.

Nevertheless, Chang was demonstrably positive and he began the final in a similarly attacking vein. He broke to lead 3-0 but when he served for the first set at 5-3, the balance altered so profoundly that the change was to be irreversible. Becker appreciated the significance of the moment.

Before each of two break points, he trotted to his chair to mop his brow and clear his thoughts. Once he had succeeded in closing the deficit, he assumed control and never relinquished it. He took the first four points off Chang's improved service in the tie-break and won it 7-3.

Becker then elevated his game to the sublime and achieved a feat which had taken place at such a rarefied level only twice in 25 years and never before here. Only Wojtek Fibak, in a losing cause in Houston in 1976, and John McEnroe, in New York in 1985, had won a set to love in the final.

"That is the best I've played a set in a long, long time," he reflected. Chang, unaccustomed to seeing his service treated with such contempt, committed as many double faults in 27 minutes (the second set was precisely half as long as the first) as he had throughout the tournament.

He resisted in the third, though, until Becker unleashed a timely barrage of aces in the tie-break. "That is the best he's played against me," Chang said. "I have never seen anybody serve that effectively. I don't think I've been aced as many times, not even by Goran [Ivanisevic]."

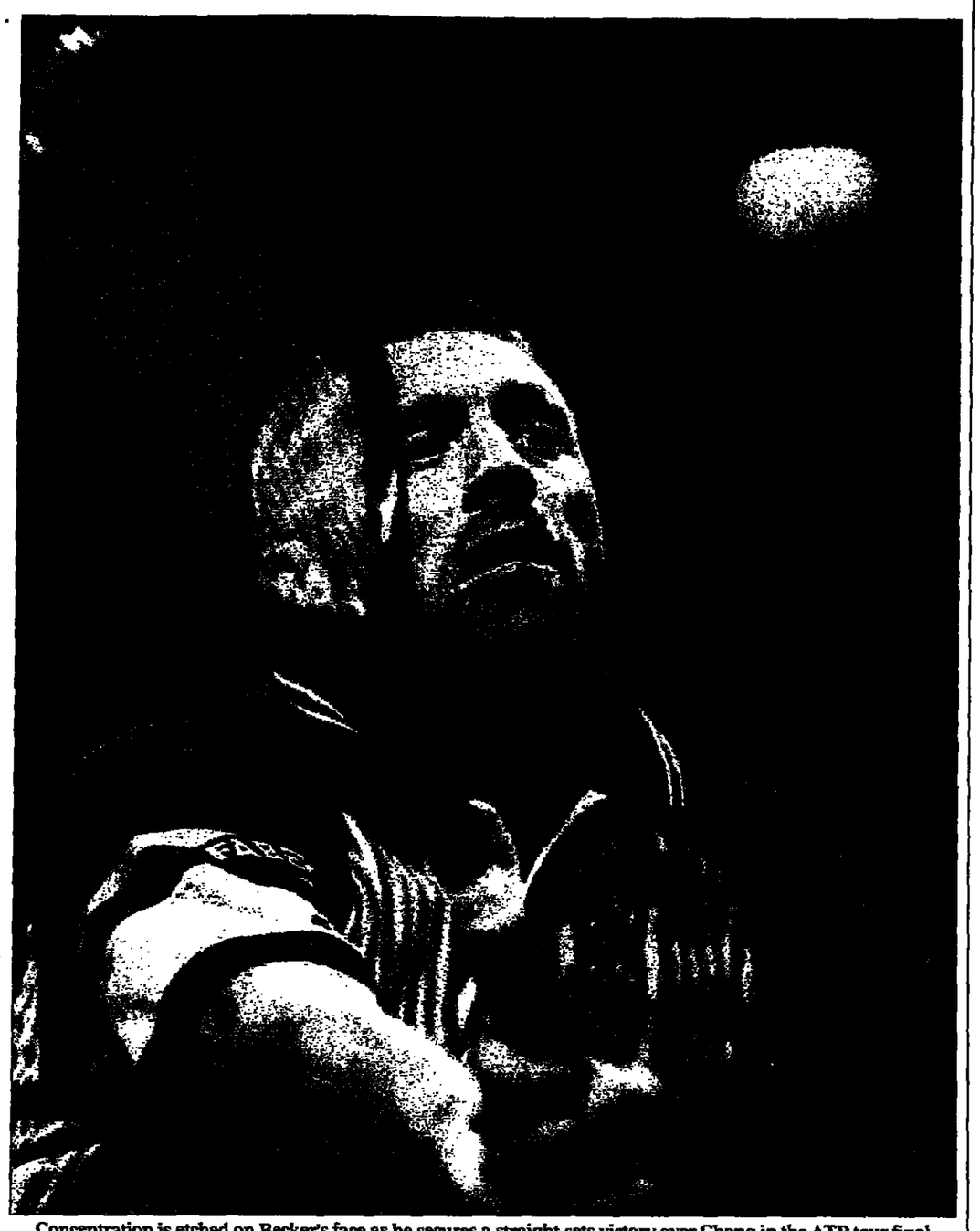
Becker climbed above Chang to No 4 in the final rankings (points are not awarded for the remaining event, the Grand Slam Cup, in a fortnight) to finish a year which has signalled a resurgence. Even so, he collected only one other title, in Marseilles in February.

The runner-up in three events, including Wimbledon, he regretted "playing the wrong guy in the final and on their best surface.

"This is especially satisfying because, when I didn't make it to the ATP finals here two years ago, the whole world wrote me off as being too old."

Becker was 25 at the time. Yet, a month short of his 28th birthday, only one other world champion — Ilie Nastase two decades ago — has been older. The organisers will trust that Germany's favourite son will be in contention again next year. The capacity in Hanover is 15,000, 6,000 larger than the Festhalle.

The signs were good. "I am still keen to be the No 1, the thought and the will is there," Becker said. "But Pete and Andre [Agassi] are preventing that for the moment. I hope to close in next year."



Concentration is etched on Becker's face as he secures a straight-sets victory over Chang in the ATP tour final

Finalists set new mark for Germany

FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN NEW YORK

IT IS almost Thanksgiving and the United States is preparing to celebrate the very essence of America. But, back in one of the most revered homes of American sport, Madison Square Garden, the Germans have taken over.

For the first time in the 24-year history of the WTA Tour championships, the Garden will play host to an all-German final as Steffi Graf and Anke Huber do battle. Neither player was particularly troubled in the semi-finals on Saturday as Graf dismissed Natasha Zvereva 6-4, 6-3 and Huber defeated Brenda Schultz-McCarthy 6-3, 6-3.

Graf's easy passage was expected. She has only lost one service game this week and that when she lost concentration at the start of the second set against Zvereva. More of a surprise was the survival of Huber and Schultz-McCarthy to the latter stages of the competition.

Until recently, Schultz-McCarthy's game was all power and not much variety. Once her opponents had learnt how to get a racket to her serve, winning was easy. But then Graf's coach, Heinz Gunthardt, suggested that she try a kick serve to add a little spice to her game. So off she went every day with a bucket of balls to try and perfect the delivery.

The transition has not been easy. At first, when the going got tough and she got nervous, Schultz-McCarthy could just as easily launch the ball into orbit as serve an ace, but she stuck with it. Suddenly everything fell into place and, armed with the new shot, she can put opponents on the defensive allowing herself time to get to the net. From that position of power she wastes little time in finishing off the point.

However, living in the rarified atmosphere of the Garden with the best players in the world has been a new and sometimes uncomfortable experience. The higher she climbed — with wins over Maggie Maleeva and Conchita Martinez — the thinner the air became.

By the time she reached the semi-finals, Schultz-McCarthy was in trouble. Obviously nervous, she made too many errors and Huber made the most of it. Still, a place in the semi-finals has made it a profitable week. "You always want to get in the finals and maybe next year it happens," she said. "You can't always have everything you want."

SPORT IN BRIEF

Guildford progress with glut of goals

HARLESTON Magpies made an early show of defiance but were defeated 8-1 by Guildford, whose victory at home yesterday took them into the fourth round of the Hockey Association Cup (Sydney Friskin writes). By half-time, Guildford, the Cup-holders, led 4-1. Jennings gave them the lead after seven minutes. Catchpole equalised but Williams (3), Jennings (2), Hall and Cartmell settled it.

It was plain sailing for the more fancied clubs. Teddington, last year's runners-up, scored ten goals without reply against Dereham and Reading 11 against Bournemouth. Old Loughtonians, Southgate, Hounslow, East Grinstead and Cannock all made big scores.

Old Loughtonians took over the leadership of the National League on Saturday with a 4-3 home win over Reading. Osborne failed to convert a penalty stroke in the 69th minute after Carter, Feltham (2) and Lee scored for Old Loughtonians. Klink (2) and Pearn replied for Reading.

Smith inspires Cardiff

ICE HOCKEY: Cardiff Devils, inspired by a hat-trick from their leading scorer, Randy Smith, have consolidated their position at the top of the British League premier division with a 7-3 victory at home to the second-placed team, Durham Wasps. At the other extreme of the table, Newcastle Warriors, under a new coach, Gary Douville, slumped to their eighth straight defeat, 13-4 away to Milton Keynes Kings.

England triumph

BOWLS: England won the inaugural European indoor team championship in Jersey on Saturday. They finished the seven-day event with 57 points, four more than Wales, who were eight clear of Scotland in third. England's singles hope, Jayne Roylance, lost in four sets to Joyce Lindores, of Scotland, but Mary Price's rink beat Jersey 25-15 in the fours to stretch England's winning margin.

Ralf Schumacher wins

MOTOR RACING: Ralf Schumacher, right, of Germany, yesterday followed in elder brother Michael's footsteps by winning the Macau Formula Three grand prix, which was cut short by a 14-car crash. The double world champion won the event in 1990 before moving to Formula One. His 20-year-old brother, who has similar ambitions, started the race in pole position.



Panthers spoil party

BASKETBALL: Displaying all the lack of etiquette associated with unwelcome guests, Doncaster Panthers spoilt the big Tyneside party at the weekend to leave Newcastle Comets still propping up the Budweiser League. Trailing at the end of each of the first three quarters as Comets' first opponents in the Newcastle Arena, Panthers eventually won 86-78 to ruin Comets' day in front of 2,400 spectators.

Ozaki home in style

GOLF: Jumbo Ozaki won the Dunlop Phoenix tournament in Miyazaki, Japan, for the second successive year with an eagle three at the 72nd hole. Ozaki, 48, started the last round trailing two Australians, Peter Senior and Graham Marsh. Going on to the last hole, a par-five of 534 yards, Senior was still one shot ahead of Ozaki, sharing the lead with Robert Gamez and Brandt Jobe, of the United States, at 10 under par.

Campbell champion

GYMNASTICS: Marvin Campbell, of Liverpool Gym Club, scored nine marks out of ten in all six disciplines to win the men's national championships in Nottingham on Saturday. Campbell beat Dominic Brindle, of Leeds, by 0.450 marks, with Craig Heap, of North Tyne, a further 0.450 behind in third place. Lee McDermott, the champion, was forced to withdraw because of an ankle injury.

England find the right formula for team title

FROM COLIN MCQUILLAN IN CAIRO

ENGLAND secured the men's world team squash championship here on Saturday with a 2-1 victory over Pakistan, the defending champions. The success of a hungry group of young professionals, carefully prepared by a new and enthusiastic team manager and a street-wise, ambitious coach, marked a new English formula for international team play and may start an extended period of domination that has been long in the making.

That the title, England's first, was clinched in the deciding, third-string rubber by a relatively unknown player, Mark "Chip" Chaloner, 24, of Lincoln, who beat the more experienced Mir Zaman Gul 9-1, 9-3, 10-9 with 65 minutes of nerveless, error-free squash, merely added to the realisation that the junior squad system first developed by Jonah Barrington and the late Edward Poore in the 1970s has finally come to fruition.

Simon Parke, 23, of Yorkshire, launched a courageous 36-minute, second-game attack on the world champion, Jansher Khan, that will unfortunately be hidden in the scoreline of an hour-long 9-2, 9-5, 9-4 first-string defeat.

Del Harris, of Essex, the former national champion now displaying a mature version of his junior brilliance at the age of 26, swept Zarak Jahan from the Cairo Stadium show court, winning 9-1, 9-2, 9-2 in 42 minutes of astutely applied power shotplay.

The scenes of uninhibited joy that followed Chaloner's victory, after a decade and a half of Pakistani and Australian control of the world team title, had little to do with old-fashioned British phlegm. Rather, they reflected the joy of men whose lives have been dedicated to achieving just such moments, but always with the merest suspicion they might never occur.

"I expected to be nervous," Chaloner said. "But in fact it was just a matter of staying calm and not being excited by the opposition or the crowd. In fact, just doing my job."

Barrington was only involved in the conclusive victory on Saturday by invitation in his new role as president of the Squash Rackets Association. Professionally, he was here coaching the Holland squad.

England were coached by Neil Harvey, a former England captain with a formidable tactical reputation. The team manager was Stuart Courtney, a former England international now equipped with new metal hip joints and relishing this vicarious return to international combat.

"It is so great to be part of a team again," Courtney said. "We planned this win from a long way out and everything went according to the plan."

Harvey added: "We had very good squad sessions in England, then built up momentum at the World Open in Cyprus, with Del reaching the final and Chip doing so well, and kept the motor running throughout the week in Egypt."



Harris stretches for a backhand during his victory over Zarak in the final of the world team championship

Wigan stride away but lack flair

Wigan	44
Workington Town	20

BY A CORRESPONDENT

WIGAN emphasised the gulf in class that exists between top and bottom of rugby league's Stones Championship with another high-scoring performance yesterday. It was a victory achieved without much of the usual flair and style against hard-working opponents, who lacked little in enthusiasm but were short of speed.

The surprise home defeat of Leeds by Sheffield leaves Wigan four points clear at the top of the championship with little prospect of being overhauled in the remaining eight matches of the centenary season.

Jason Robinson, Wigan's elusive winger, capped a fine individual performance with three tries to take his personal tally for the season to 16. Gary Connolly, the centre, reached 100 tries, but the highlight was a spectacular touchdown from Kelvin Skerrett, who received the man-of-the-match award.

Workington, for whom Rowland Phillips, their Welsh forward, worked tirelessly and was well supported by Dean Marwood and Wayne Kitchin, were always struggling from the moment Robinson scored his first try after nine minutes. It was the result of a splendid 80-yard run by Paul, the full back, who gave the supporting Robinson a clear run to the line. Robinson's second was a solo effort as Workington left him just enough room to squeeze in at the corner.

The Cumbrians have not won at Wigan's Central Park for 17 years. By half-time the game had become another in an alarming list of mis-matches that have plagued the centenary season as Tuigamala took advantage of a kick from Edwards to score Wigan's fourth try to give the champions a 24-2 lead.

Workington were rewarded for their industry when Phillips created an opening for Kitchin early in the second half.

Connolly's try in the 52nd minute was followed by Skerrett's spectacular effort after a splendid handling move involving four Wigan attackers. A fumble by Tuigamala allowed Marwood in for Workington's second try on 69 minutes but then Robinson took advantage of a break out by Connolly to score in the corner. Paul, who had a splendid day with the boot, kicked his eighth goal from nine attempts. When Jason Palmada scored for Workington near the end it was small consolation.

SCORERS: Wigan: Tries: Robinson (3), Edwards, Tuigamala, Connolly, Skerrett. Goals: Paul (8) Workington: Tries: Kitchin, Marwood, Palmada. Goals: Marwood (4).

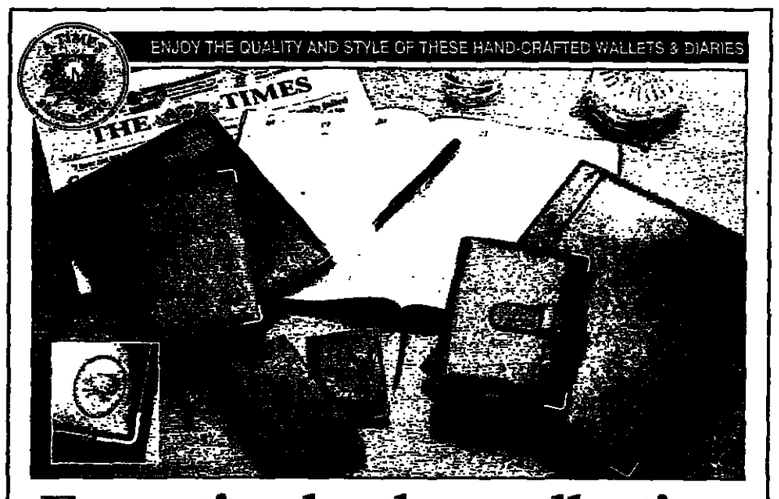
WIGAN: H Ball, J Robinson, V Tuigamala, G Connolly, K Radlinski (sub: W Barrow, 63min); S Edwards, C Murdock, K Skerrett, M Hall, T O'Connor (sub: P Johnson, 74), S Quinnell (sub: N Cowie, 22), M Cassidy (sub: M Knowles, 51). A Johnson.

WORKINGTON: T Burns (sub: L Chilton, 19); P Penrice, K Pape, V Fawcett, D Fifield; L Campbell, W Kitchin; G Schubert (sub: W McGinty, 65), D Marwood, R Phillips, C Armstrong, S Holgate (sub: J Palmada, 45), D Carter.

Referee: C Morris (Huddersfield).

Sheffield Eagles rocked Leeds, badly missing Garry Schofield, when tries in the last ten minutes by Andy Hay and Anthony Farrell brought them a 27-22 victory in a thrilling Yorkshire Stones Championship derby at Headingley yesterday.

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Blackburn produce champion display

Blackburn Rovers 7
Nottingham Forest 0

By Ivo Tennant

IT IS not every manager who, having trounced seemingly unbeatable opponents by a cricket score, has the magnanimity to give the credit to the club's benefactor. Ray Harford is indeed a rare individual, for it is unusual for anybody in football to have any magnanimity at all.

On such a day, Harford was right to deflect the glory. The redeveloped Ewood Park was officially opened before the match, the ribbon-cutting ceremony performed by Jack Walker. He underscored his sentiments in language that was almost Churchillian: "The real work is far from finished. Reaching the top once is not the end but the beginning."

There have been times this season, particularly when Blackburn have played in Europe, when reaching the top seemed to be the beginning of the end. On Saturday, such concerns were dispelled — partially. It would be churlish to voice excessive criticisms now, for any club that beats Nottingham Forest in their present form has to play uncommonly well.

But that is the rub. Blackburn did play *uncommonly* well. It was a different matter altogether when they came up against Spartak Moscow, Rosenborg BK and Legia Warsaw in the European Cup Champions' League. Why could they not retain possession then as they did here?

One theory has it that they took the first two months of the season to become accustomed to being FA Carling Premiership champions. Another that they were affected far more by Kenny Dalglish's departure from the managerial chair than they would be now if he left the club altogether for another challenge at Molineux.

We forget that although Blackburn are celebrating their 120th anniversary, they are flibbertigibbets compared with the likes of Wolves — or Nottingham Forest, the one British club still in with a chance in Europe. That is more important than that their 25-match unbeaten record came to an end on Saturday. But it would not be true to say that they surrendered this, not until they were down to ten men and subsequently conceded four goals.

Pearce and Stone might well have been fatigued by England's match in midweek, but Shearer most assuredly was not. His hat-trick encompassed a full range of skills: a clinical finish, a predatory header, a belter of a free kick. His, though, was not the performance of the day. A man-of-the-match award would have gone to Bohinen, whose game has been revitalised since leaving Forest. It was evident that his relationship with them was beyond salvation when he took umbrage that the club baulked at paying for his carpets to be taken up because he could not rid himself of their dust.

Now, though, Bohinen is crossing the ball like a winger, dragging it away from defenders like a forward and driving it into goal in the manner of the attacking midfield player that he is. Twice he scored with verve and accuracy.

Newell gained the sixth goal when Crossley failed to gather Shearer's square pass, and Le Saux the seventh in the penultimate minute, a long, swerving shot. Forest by now had only ten men, Chettle having been sent off for two fouls, but that would be a superficial excuse for their failure. They were up against champions who, for once, merited that description.

BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2): T Flowers — J Kenna, T Sherwood, C Hendry, G Le Saux — S Ripley, H Berg, L Bohinen, D Batty — A Shearer, M Newell.
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (4-5-1): M Crossley — D Lyttle, C Cooper (sub: D Phillips, 29min), S Chettle, S Pearce — S Stone, S Gemmill, A I Haaland, C Bart-Williams, I Woan — J Lee (sub: A Silenzi, 50)
Referee: J Winter.

Yeboah adds to Chelsea's troubles

Rob Hughes on a 1-0 win for Leeds United from which some big names were notable by their absence

PAUL BARKER



Yeboah, right, attempts to go past Duberry, of Chelsea, during Leeds United's Premiership victory at Elland Road

Fair or foul? Saturday afternoon at Elland Road was one of those when a wintry sunshine turns to frostbite, and when one wonders how long it will be before a suffering supporter turns to the Trade Descriptions Act for solace from the game that has become such an industry.

He might, if he had come up from London in support of Chelsea, question the legitimacy of the lone goal, pilfered by Tony Yeboah ten minutes from the end, that the Chelsea players insisted was aided and abetted by a foul on their goalkeeper. But anyone among the 36,209 supporters, 6,000 more than the last Leeds United home game, could have been lured by the modern salesmanship of importing continental superstars. Where was Ruud Gullit? Where Tomas Brolin? And where, for those who care about these peripheral things, was the promised directors' box confrontation between Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman, and Matthew Harding?

Where indeed, a connoisseur might ask, was the sustained quality for which the spectators pay? Where on earth does the term premier enter into things when Leeds, on this desultory performance, can rise three places to fifth in the FA Carling Premiership?

OK, some answers. Gullit was among nine Chelsea senior players absent because even he is flesh and blood, and a calf strain deprived Chelsea of his presence and his catalytic skills. Brolin was at least in the stadium: he peeked out of the players' tunnel, was never introduced to the crowd, and he sat in the directors' box no doubt contemplating that he really has left the A team of Italy's *Serie A* for something less gifted, and less spectacular than it may have looked to him through the medium of television.

He was not playing because, in this age of direct communications, neither Leeds nor Parma could find a way to exchange registration documents in the time permitted. So Brolin came only to look, and rapidly caught a plane back to Italy to collect his belongings. He will return tomorrow.

How soon he will perform is subject to physical condition. He has played only three games for Parma in a year, and Wilkinson suggested it will take 48 hours to assess his fitness. The supporters may feel they had a right to know, long before they were in the stadium, that there was no chance of Brolin's running decorating the pitch, but they paid their money on the off chance, and were disappointed.

The game appeared to lend support to the theory that English football is trying to think along European lines. The teams of Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds manager, and Glenn Hoddle had the framework of 3-5-2, with young Andrew Couzens providing an anchor for Leeds in front of the back three, and with Michael Duberry, just out of his teens, recalled from loan at Bournemouth to mark a world-class finisher, Yeboah.

He did pretty well, Duberry. Of course he lost the elusive Ghanaian from time to time, but with one splendid, calm tackle he prevented a goal, often he shadowed Yeboah expertly and, significantly, it was when Yeboah came up against the Norwegian international, Johnsen, that he found the half-yard of space from which he has proved so deadly.

The first half was deadly in another fashion, deadly dull. Yet still Yeboah dragged the ball away from the bemused Johnsen, only to strike it wide.

Chelsea, as Hoddle opined, passed the ball more accurately than Leeds, and around the hour could have won the match. Stein, clear of the offside trap, fumbled with the ball as if it were a moving eel. Petrescu produced the pass of the match, but Burley, one on one with the goalkeeper, allowed Lukic to dominate.

Yeboah had gone eight games without scoring: when he turned Johnsen, but only struck the base of a post, it seemed he would be denied again. Then, in the eightieth minute, Kelly broke free on the right, made the most of Newton's loose marking and scooped the ball into the air.

Kharine collided with Deane, the tall Leeds forward won the ball in the air and Yeboah, quick as a lizard, poached the goal from six yards. Kharine and, of course, Wise remonstrated at the final whistle with the referee, Mike Reed. They claimed, and Hoddle backed them, that Deane had impeded Kharine. You could look at the video a dozen times and argue that, while Deane did jump early with his arm above his head, perhaps it was Kharine who bundled into the forward.

But Chelsea have internal problems which, though Hoddle insists they are not affecting morale or purpose, can do nothing for the club. Bates had asked other clubs to ban Harding from their directors' boxes and lounges. Leeds declined to do that; Harding was there. Bates was absent and one wonders what kind of unity it is that allows Harding to divulge after another defeat that Chelsea were, a few weeks ago, interested in hiring Paul Gascoigne on a three-month loan. Harding, the director who has put millions into the club, could not say now whether that is still Chelsea's aim or not.

LEEDS UNITED (3-5-2): J Lukic — G Kelly, D Wetherall, R Jobson — C Palmer, G McAllister, A Couzens (sub: R Wallace, 72min), G Speed, A Dorigo — B Deane, A Yeboah.
CHELSEA (3-5-2): D Kharine — M Duberry, D Lee, E Johnsen (sub: P Furlong, 88) — D Petrescu, C Burley, D Wise, E Newton, G Hall — M Hughes, M Stein.
Referee: M Reed.

Tottenham recover to snuff out Arsenal's fluent start

Tottenham Hotspur 2
Arsenal 1

By Keith Pike

NOSTALGIA is not what it used to be, they say, but with The Beatles coming together again, tank-tops back in the high street and hooliganism rearing its ugly head, the Sixties are very much in fashion. For an hour on Saturday, Tottenham Hotspur caught the mood to perfection.

Like their illustrious predecessors, Tottenham had fizz on the flanks, a steel spine and a cutting edge: Fox provided the cunning on the right, Howells and Mabbutt were immovable through the middle, and a goal apiece from Sheringham and Armstrong gave a vibrant White Hart Lane the victory it prizes most. "I am not one for targets, but we have been touted as a relegation side and, hopefully, we can stay up," Gerry Francis, the Tottenham manager, said, delivering a smiling sideswipe at his detractors.

His team's second-half performance was as entertaining as it was effective. Most probably, though, it was a glimpse of the past, no more. Tottenham are consistent only in their inconsistency, and the championship remains a distant dream. The abiding memory from this match will be Arsenal's mesmerising football of the opening 30 minutes.

Not since Liam Brady's bunch regularly turned them over on their own patch can Tottenham have been so tormented: a dozen uninterrupted passes by Arsenal here, a dozen more there, the ball switching from flank to flank, from front to back and forwards again. Teased and toyed with, Tottenham were often so surprised to get possession that they promptly gave the ball back again. It could not last.

The half-time interval gave Tottenham time to regroup, an old injury caught up with Platt and a new one afflicted Helder. Bergkamp was booked and becalmed, and Merson lost his way, too. But to have seen Arsenal pass the ball so instinctively, so accurately — even Keown preferred the sliderule to the sledgehammer — was to witness the George Graham legacy evaporate and the Bruce Rioch revolution gather pace. If he can blend the meanest defence in the FA Carling Premiership with such ability further forward, and sustain the mix for an entire match and then a season, Rioch could be on the verge of something special.

Unfortunately for him, the Arsenal defence was not at its best. "That opening spell was the most evident plus-point. We were making ourselves a lot of time and space," Rioch said. "But to concede two goals in the way we have is very unlike us."

Bergkamp had crowned Arsenal's period of ascendancy with his eighth goal in nine matches, arriving unchallenged to meet Merson's perceptive cross, but they could not contain Tottenham, and Sheringham in particular. He scored the equaliser when, having made a fine defensive header at an Arsenal corner, he ran the length of the field to get on the end of Fox's cross. He also played a vital part in the winning goal, hit by the improving Armstrong, his fourth in five games.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-4-2): I Walker — D Austin, C Calderwood, G Mabbutt, S Campbell — R Fox, J Dozzell, D Howells, R Rosenthal (sub: G McMahon, 87min) — E Sheringham, C Armstrong
ARSENAL (4-4-2): D Seaman — L Dixon, S Bould, A Adams, N Winterburn — P Merson, D Platt, M Keown, G Helder (sub: D Hillier, 70) — D Bergkamp, J Hartson.
Referee: A Wilkie.

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Ferdinand's flash finish

Aston Villa 1
Newcastle United 1

By Russell Kempson

KASH "The Flash" Gill, world kick-boxing championship contender, gave an entertaining exhibition of his sport during half-time at Villa Park on Saturday. Birmingham's finest, ahead of his title eliminator against Michele Araldi, of Italy, next weekend, at least kept warm on a fresh Midlands afternoon. The punches were pulled and the wild blows with feet hardly hurt his sparring partner; it was no more than a teasing glimpse of what true damage Gill could inflict in a serious bout.

It had been the same before, and was the same thereafter, in the FA Carling Premiership. Aston Villa, the pretenders in sixth place, had taken a 22nd-minute lead and appeared capable of going on to greater deeds. Newcastle United, the leaders by eight points, had equalised in the 58th minute, rediscovered their stature and engaged in a hell-bent mission to secure their twelfth league victory of the season.

Yet, like Gill's posing, it was no more than an apparition. Enjoyable on the eye, engrossing for the 39,167 spectators and entirely honourable from the players, but lacking an indeterminable something that prevented it from attaining unforgettable status. Too many incisive moves foundered at the crucial point.

"Two things worried me during the interval," Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, said. "The way Villa were playing and the way we weren't. We were asked some serious questions and didn't have any answers. Half-time couldn't come quick enough



Ferdinand: on target

for us." Brian Little, equally greying of hair, was equally philosophical. "Once they scored, it was hard work and we began to scramble a bit," he said. "We tired towards the end but it will have done us a lot of good to have played so well against a very good side."

That is how Premiership possibles now measure themselves, such is Newcastle's standing these days. Starting in November last year, a sequence of only one win in 11 outings — much of it influenced by injuries — dragged the Toon Army back down to reality. Fear not a repetition: Keegan's elite troops are now stronger.

Villa's early vigour earned its reward, when Draper bemused numerous challengers before chipping into the middle for Johnson to head past Hislop off a post — despite Peacock's vain attempt at preventing the ball from crossing the line.

A frank exchange of views between Keegan and his cohorts at half-time elicited a swift response. Surprisingly, it came via route one. Hislop's huge clearance left Ehiogu in three minds, giving Ferdinand the minuscule opening that he required to guide in his seventeenth goal of the season.

Game on, the Villa Park throng thought. And yet it meandered towards a satisfactory rather than stirring climax. Newcastle battering and flattering as Villa contained and then countered. A joust which, like that from Kash The Flash, promised much more than it ultimately delivered.

ASTON VILLA (3-4-3): M Boerlich — U Ehiogu, P McGrath, G Southgate — G Charles, M Draper, I Taylor, A Wright — T Johnson, D Yorke, S Milosevic
NEWCASTLE UNITED (4-4-2): S Hislop — W Barton, D Peacock, S Howey, J Beresford — K Gillespie, R Lee, S Watson (sub: L Clark, 45min), D Ginola — P Beardsley, L Ferdinand (sub: P Albert, 82).
Referee: S Lodge.

United brush Southampton aside

Manchester United 4
Southampton 1

By Alyson Rudd

THERE are two kinds of bully: the big-boned, flabby-cheeked, inarticulate variety, and the more angular, good-looking, sarcastic ones who can induce a panic attack just by raising an eyebrow. For the first nine minutes of this match, Manchester United were a prime example of the latter.

They treated Southampton with contempt, scoring three goals and striking the bar before the visitors had time to dream up the excuse that they had not heard the whistle for the kick-off.

"Football is a situation where you go out and battle," Dave Merrington, the Southampton manager, said, cryptically. But this was no battle, it was a board game, a round of Scrabble in which United held all the high-scoring letters and the wit to utilise them. Without the suspended Le Tissier, Southampton had a pretty limited vocabulary.

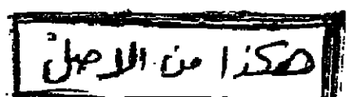
Only a fool would dismiss United's chances of claiming their third FA Carling Premiership title in four years. Cantona is not quite back to full throttle, but there is time yet for the Frenchman to be more of a direct menace inside the 18-yard box, while Giggs and Scholes are in such excellent form.

Giggs scored twice, his first goal, after 16 seconds, set up by Cantona, his second, after four minutes, all his own work after dispossessing Hall. He said that he is enjoying extra training and less playing, and it shows. If United have a weakness it is that Cole trails marginally in the collective train of thought.

His team-mates, particularly Cantona, encourage him, but if you have to be told where to pass the ball, it deadens the momentum of the attack. Cole eventually scored, though, a rare header from Beckham's corner after 68 minutes.

Towards the end of last season, United put nine goals past Ipswich Town and Alex Ferguson praised them for improving their goal difference as their tussle with Blackburn Rovers for the FA Carling Premiership grew more difficult to call. Now, Ferguson was more concerned about his players' energy and fitness, replacing Irwin and Giggs when to leave them on might have yielded more goals. In the second half, Ferguson's side was faintly uninterested. Such restraint might stand United in good stead when they face Newcastle United at Christmas. Recent champions know how to pace themselves.

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-3-2-1): P Schmeichel — G Neville, S Bruce, G Pallister, D Irwin (sub: P Neville, 45min) — D Beckham, N Butt, R Giggs (sub: I Sharpe, 67) — E Cantona, P Scholes (sub: B McClair, 49) — A Cole.
SOUTHAMPTON (4-4-2): D Beasant — J Dodd, R Hall, K Monkou, F Benali — D Hughes, T Widdrington, J Magilton, N Heaney (sub: F Bennett, 56) — N Shipperley, G Watson (sub: N Maddison, 56).
Referee: P Danson.



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Draw leaves Rangers and Coventry facing winter battle for survival

Struggling rivals make their point

Queens Park Rangers .. 1
Coventry City 1

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

QUEENS Park Rangers and Coventry City, when taking part in the Coca-Cola Cup this season, have performed positively. They have won five out of six matches between them, and both reached the fourth round. Yet, when returning to the FA Carling Premiership, their form has varied from poor to appalling — only one win for Coventry and three for Rangers.

At Loftus Road yesterday, there was no discernible change. A draw desperately low on quality left Coventry languishing in nineteenth place and Rangers anxious in sixteenth. As the evenings close in, few will bet substantially that they will re-emerge from winter in a radically improved state of health.

Ron Atkinson, the Coventry manager, at least remained defiant in the face of mounting criticism. "We worked very hard and I felt we were worth a draw," he said. "We think we are a decent side, and although we may have something of a mountain to climb, we feel we can do it.

"If your team is not very good, you can't see where the next point is coming from, but I can see us putting a good run together. Judge us at the end of the season, when I'm sure we'll be somewhere in mid-table." Optimistic, perhaps. Coventry have drawn five and lost six of their past 11 league outings. It is feasible to see them collecting the occasional point here and there, but not so easy to determine where the next victory is coming from. Rangers, without a success in five games, are gradually slipping into the same category.

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The first half was notable only for each side illustrating its shortcomings. Neither could create any cohesive pattern, neither could muster any fluency. It was an untidy mishmash of unfulfilled expectation from first kick to last. At least the endeavour could not be faulted. Barker beavered away in midfield for Rangers, Isaias did likewise for Coventry, offering a few touches of Brazilian flair amid the dross.

A clever run from Williams enlivened the gloom, but he was forced wide by Sommer. When he eventually managed to regain his balance, his driven shot was cleared off the line by Breveti, the full back's parting gesture before retiring injured. Dichio responded with a firm header, having risen above Rennie to meet Sinclair's cross, but it was always going over and away from Ogrizovic. It mirrored the match — drifting nowhere in particular and of little consequence.

At last, in the 37th minute, a glimmer of quality: Impey's corner was nodded away by Telfer but only as far as Barker, lurking 25 yards out. He took aim, swung his right foot, and the ball whistled past Ogrizovic, on his return from a seven-month absence.

Rangers should have stretched their lead three minutes into the second half, when Impey's pass presented Gallen with a free pot at goal. However, his ponderous response allowed Ogrizovic to smother. It provoked Coventry's best spell, with Sommer suddenly finding himself employed in earnest. A scramble in the Rangers area culminated in Salako lashing in a fierce drive that Sommer did well to palm away.

He was forced into an equally agile save soon after, when Isaias was put through by Telfer. Isaias did the right thing, shooting swiftly instead of passing, but Sommer was again ideally placed to claw it to safety.

In the 75th minute, even Sommer was powerless to prevent Coventry from equalising. Salako crossed from the left and Dublin, the captain, climbed above Maddix to head his fifth goal of the season. It made for a vaguely exciting conclusion, with Wilkins and Strachan deciding to bring their experience into play, yet even they were unable to restore order to a game devoid of thought. Gallen's two misses near the end just about summed it up. Roll on the Coca-Cola Cup.

IAN STEWART



Impey, left, and Williams hold nothing back at Loftus Road yesterday

QUEENS PARK RANGERS (4-4-2) J Sommer — K Ready, D Maddix, S Yates, R Brevett (sub: T Challis, 23min) — A Impey, N Zelic, S Barker, T Sinclair (sub: R Wilkins, 75) — D Dichio, K Gallen

COVENTRY CITY (4-4-2): S Ogrizovic — R Shaw, D Rennie, P Williams, M Hall — P Telfer (sub: G Strachan, 85), K Richardson, M Isaias, J Salako — P Ndlovu, D Dublin

Referee: M Bodenham

PREMIERSHIP AT A GLANCE

		Played	Points	Goal diff	Recent form
1	Newcastle	14	35	+21	WDWWD
2	Manchester Utd	13	29	+14	WWWLW
3	Arsenal	13	24	+9	WWLWL
4	Aston Villa	13	24	+6	LLWWD
5	Leeds	13	24	+5	LDWDW
6	Notts Forest	13	24	+3	WWDWL
7	Liverpool	13	23	+14	DWWLL
8	Middlesbrough	13	23	+6	WWLDD
9	Tottenham	13	22	+4	LDDWW
10	Blackburn	14	17	+6	DWLLW
11	West Ham	13	16	-2	WDWLW
12	Chelsea	13	15	-4	WLLDL
13	Everton	13	15	-2	DDLWW
14	Sheffield Wed	13	14	-4	LWLDD
15	Southampton	13	12	-10	LLWWL
16	QPR	13	11	-9	LLDLD
17	Wimbledon	13	11	-13	LLLLD
18	Bolton	13	8	-14	DLWLW
19	Coventry	13	8	-14	DLLLD
20	Manchester City	13	8	-17	LDLWD

Weekly change: Up · Stayed the same · Down

Moore the merrier as Leicester's home slide continues

Leicester City 0
Tranmere Rovers 1

BY PETER BALL

LEICESTER City's home form continues to stand between them and a commanding position at the top of the Endsleigh Insurance League first division. Ian Moore's seventh goal in seven games yesterday sent them to their fourth home league defeat, taking Tranmere Rovers up to fifth with a game or games in hand over all the teams above them.

Tranmere look an impressive side now that Moore has come in to play as one of three orthodox strikers. The son of Ronnie, now the club coach, he is already exciting interest, and Dave Sexton and Bruce Rioch were among the spectators yesterday. They could only have been impressed by the way in which he took his 66th-minute goal, accepting Aldridge's short pass to beat one defender and drive home low across Poole.

That was the difference between the sides. Leicester remain in second place, two points behind Millwall, but they have now won only three out of nine league matches at home. Yesterday they had as much possession, particularly in the first half, as Liverpool enjoyed against Everton at Anfield on Saturday, and ended with as little to show for it. Although Robins hit the bar with one electric turn and shot, Tranmere's trio of strikers looked the more dangerous even on much shorter rations.

The comparison with Liverpool is not idle. Under Mark McGhee, Leicester are unrecognisable as the bunch of battlers who struggled so desperately a year ago. McGhee preaches the same virtues of passing and patience as Liverpool, and they adopt the same formation as the Anfield team.

At times their football is a pleasure to watch, particularly in the first division, where things can be basic, and away from home it is spectacularly successful. But, at home, against sides who compete, they are finding it more difficult, for all the efforts of the front pair and the craft of Parker.

"Let's all laugh at Forest," the home fans chanted before the game, but, by the close, frustration was replacing mockery of their neighbours.

LEICESTER CITY (5-3-2): K Poole — S Grayson (sub: J Joachim 73 mins), F Rolling, C Hill, B Carey, M Whitlow — D Lowe, G Parker, L Philpott (sub: N Lewis 81) — I Robertis, M Robins

TRANMERE ROVERS (4-3-3): D Coyne — A Thomas, J McGreal, S Teale, G Stevens — G Brannan, G Jones, P Nevin — G Bennett, J Aldridge, I Moore (sub: G Branch 76).

Referee: M Bailey

Linesman denies Ipswich chance of late point

Norwich City 2
Ipswich Town 1

BY NICK SZCZEPANIK

ONLY one win in five and Norwich City were still in a play-off position going into the weekend. With teams so tightly bunched, a home game against mid-table opposition would usually be welcome — but derbies are another matter and Ipswich Town may have taken heart from results in Saturday's higher-profile derbies which brought victories for the lower-placed teams.

At any rate, the visitors looked determined to put on a show of passion for their supporters which resulted in a steady stream of Norwich free kicks. It was from one of these, an inswinger by O'Neill after eight minutes, that Newsome put the home side in front, heading in unchallenged.

Ipswich came back and Mason twice forced saves from Gunn. As the temperature dropped, the game warmed up. Ward, put through by Fleck, was thwarted by Forrest's brave block. Gunn was forced to leave his area to execute a perfect full back's tackle on Gregory, and the clearance took the ball to the other end where Fleck eluded the defence only to drive past the far post.

Fleck, again, robbed Wark, but then squandered the chance himself. He made amends immediately, taking advantage of Ward's knockdown to send a right-footed volley swerving away past Forrest's dive.

Ipswich tried to give to give their followers something to cheer and Wark pulled back a goal through an 81st-minute penalty after Ullathorne had indulged in a little wrestling with Mathie. There was some high drama two minutes from time after Newsome missed Vaughan's through ball. It ran to Thomsen, who fell under a challenge.

The referee pointed to the penalty spot but, with Wark poised to equalise, a linesman's intervention resulted in the decision being changed to a free kick for offside to Norwich.

"No one can fathom who was meant to be offside," George Burley, the Ipswich manager, said. "You don't often see referee's change decisions," Martin O'Neill, the Norwich manager, said, "but this time he was completely correct."

NORWICH CITY (4-4-2): B Gunn — C Bradshaw (sub: D Sutch, 13min), J Newsome, S Prior, R Ullathorne — N Adams, M Milligan (sub: A Akinbiyi, 53min) M Bowen, K O'Neill — A Ward, R Fleck.

IPSWICH TOWN (4-4-2): C Forrest — M Stockwell, J Wark, A Mowbray, T Vaughan — G Uhlenbeek (sub: A Tanner, 79) S Milton (sub: N Gregory, 55), G Williams, P Mason — A Mathie, C Thomsen

Referee: K Lynch

Liverpool rue lack of kick and Rush philosophy



Kanchelskis: two goals

Liverpool 1
Everton 2

BY PETER BALL

OVER the past few weeks, Stan Collymore has got into trouble for criticising Liverpool's style. At Anfield on Saturday, after Everton had inflicted their third successive defeat, Ian Rush said much the same thing. "We played a lot of football and got nothing from it," the Liverpool captain said. "The same thing happened against Newcastle, with the same result. I believe sometimes you've got to play a long ball."

Heresy at the home of the passing game, but Rush is no dissident. He knows that no team played the long ball more effectively than the side of Dalglish, Souness and himself that dominated the English game by mixing things judiciously, catching teams on the break with early balls as well as grinding them down with passing and movement.

It would be easy to dismiss this FA Carling Premiership defeat as one of those things that happen in derbies, and Everton's resistance was the stuff of derby legend. Ebbrell won more tackles in one game than most players do in three as he harried Liverpool's midfield; Watson, Short and Southall formed a formidable barrier in front of the Everton goal; and, finally, Kanchelskis claimed his first goals for the club.

Behind the legend, though, the reality is that most derbies go according to form, just like any other game, and this was Everton's first win at Anfield for ten years, which hardly supports the theory that form does not count in derbies.

Instead, coupled with defeats by Brondby and Newcastle United, it suggested that there is less to Liverpool than meets the eye, the pleasing passing failing to disguise a lack of end product. Too often, Liverpool pass the ball for the sake of it, without hurting the opposition.

In the Seventies, pushing up a big, ungainly centre half for the last, desperate ten minutes was known by derisive Liverpool supporters as "doing a Mick Lyons" — a reference to Everton's familiar ploy as another derby slipped away from them. On Saturday, Ruddock lumbered off the bench to do just that. It helped to bring about Liverpool's late goal, but it was never likely to be enough. Instead, Everton winged to victory. Kanchelskis and Limpar exploited the spaces behind Jones and Harkness as Liverpool's system of three centre halves again looked fallible.

"We had a plan, and it worked," Joe Royle, the Everton manager, said after his team won the tactical battle and the physical one, although Parkinson was lucky to escape with a yellow card after a disgraceful "tackle" on Rush, the only blot on a splendid refereeing display by Gerald Ashby.

LIVERPOOL (3-4-1-2): D James — M Wright, J Scales, P Babb (sub: M Thomas, 72min) — R Jones, J McAteer, J Barnes, S Harkness (sub: N Ruddock, 78) — S McManaman — R Fowler, I Rush

EVERTON (4-4-1-1): N Southall — M Jackson, D Watson, C Short, G Ablett (sub: D Unsworth, 22) — A Kanchelskis, J Ebbrell, J Parkinson, A Limpar — G Stuart — P Rideout

Referee: G Ashby

City eye golden opportunity

Sheffield Wednesday 1
Manchester City 1

BY NICK SZCZEPANIK

THIS match looked like a classic case of the resistible force against the moveable object, and with both teams seeing a chance to end poor FA Carling Premiership runs, a draw was probably a predictable result. City, however, were happier with their point — at least they will not be marking the opening of the new Bond movie with an 0-0-7 away record.

Less predictable was the high entertainment value, of the blood-and-thunder variety — just right for cold weather. Both teams had early chances: Quinn's header forced a spectacular save from Pressman, and Hirst's luck seemed to be out as usual when he hit the inside of a post after Immel had saved from Degryse. However, the proposal from a fanzine contributor to change the home club's name to "Sheffield Wednesday Nil" was invalidated after only 13 minutes when Degryse — "five yards offside" according to Alan Ball, the City manager — was held back by Curle, and Hirst blasted the penalty past Immel with the relief of a man who had not scored for seven matches.

City's fightback began after the half-hour. The equaliser, eight minutes into the second half, came through Quinn, though his renowned aerial power was not a factor as he reached the byline and produced a perfect left-footed cross for the advancing Lomas, who headed in from six yards.

After that, both sides had chances to win as play swirled from end to end. City exerted more pressure. Wednesday were dangerous when Waddle threaded passes through the defence. "Waddle tires as the game goes on," David Pleat, the Wednesday manager, said, "but he's still the best at producing that clinical pass that puts you through on goal."

Quinn welcomed a point, but felt City shaded the match. "It's great for the younger players, because they now realise that they can outplay teams and look good," he said. And his hitherto unsuspected crossing ability? "There's a little bit in the locker that they haven't coached out of me yet."

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (4-4-2): K Pressman — I Nolan, P Atherton, A Pearce, L Briscoe — M Williams, M Pembridge (sub: G Hyde, 64min), C Waddle, A Sinton — M Degryse, D Hirst.

MANCHESTER CITY (4-3-3): E Immel — I Brightwell, K Curle, K Symons, R Edghill — G Kinkladze, G Fitzroth, S Lomas — N Summerbee, U Rosler, N Quinn

Referee: G Poll

McFarland on receiving end

Bolton Wanderers 0
West Ham United 3

BY IAN RODGERS

WHEN Tony Cottee smashed home West Ham United's second goal on Saturday, Roy McFarland, the Bolton Wanderers manager, received a torrent of personal abuse that still resounded around Burnden Park for 45 minutes after the match.

Nobody would deny that this Bolton performance was abysmal. Little creativity and poor passing dictated their play and any real commitment and spirit disappeared when Mark Patterson was dismissed for a second bookable offence. "It didn't help, obviously," McFarland said. "We were chasing the game then."

The ire of Bolton supporters also coincided with the absence of another scapegoat, Alan Stubbs. Injury deprived Bolton of his defensive stability and Colin Todd, the Bolton assistant manager, was swift to pinpoint the gap. "Good teams are built on clean sheets," he said. "When you are not creating chances you have to regroup and make it difficult for the opposition. We haven't got to be cut open as easily as we are at the moment."

Harry Redknapp, the West Ham manager, had been warned about the impatience of Bolton supporters. "The report I had said, if you keep them quiet for 15 minutes, their fans will turn on them," he said. "I've never heard such abuse sitting on that touchline. What makes people behave like that? It was frightening. Horrible."

West Ham's victory ceased to be important once the clamour for McFarland's departure began. But to ignore the excellent central midfield partnership of Ian Bishop and Danny Williamson would be an injustice. Both merited their respective goals. Bishop struck from 25 yards seconds into the second half and Williamson sprinted the length of the field in the penultimate minute.

McFarland understood the crowd's frustration and refused to censure them. "You can't blame our fans for our performance. Their expectancy is high and so it should be. They just want the success to continue."

BOLTON WANDERERS (4-4-1-1): K Branagan — S McAnespie (sub: A Todd, 81min), G Bergsson, C Fairclough, J Philips — D Lee (sub: S Green, 73), M Patterson, R Sneekes, A Thompson — S Curcic — J McGinlay

WEST HAM UNITED (4-4-2): L Miklosko — S Potts, A Martin, M Reiper, K Rowland — M Hughes, I Bishop, D Williamson, J Harkes — A Cottee, I Dowie

Referee: P Durkin

Celtic draw greater strength from Ibrox classic

KEVIN McCARRA



Scottish commentary

An Old Firm match at Ibrox yesterday, where fortunes soared and plummeted like a jittery day on the Stock Exchange, ended by demonstrating only the parity of Rangers and Celtic. This fixture is always likely to skip mere excitement and reach instead for melodrama, but a 3-3 draw carried the improbable to new limits.

Rangers were twice behind before taking a late lead that was instantly cancelled out by a virtuoso header from Pierre van Hooijdonk. The result was tolerable for the Ibrox side, but Celtic's growing faith in themselves may still have been strengthened. After several seasons in which the Bell's Scottish League premier division title has been claimed by Rangers early in the new year, an extended attention-span might at last be required.

Celtic, beaten twice already this season by Rangers, have demonstrated artistic merit without, until now, dispelling doubts about their worth as title contenders. Tommy Burns's team had previously found their rivals' defence like one of those geometrical puzzles, descended from the Rubik's cube, that parents love to inflict on their children as Christmas presents.

When they did score against Rangers yesterday, it was as if they had disposed of the problem by taking a hammer to it. The shot with which Andreas Thom gave Celtic the lead, after nine minutes, was delivered with exquisite brutality. From 22 yards, the German forward lashed the ball high past Andy Goram. Thom, at that point, was playing in midfield precisely because he had not scored since late September.

Derby matches never do have much truck with logic, though, and Burns surely delighted in such satisfying senselessness. While Celtic's play carried finesse, there was, all the same, a more vigorous pulse to Rangers' passing in the later stages of the first half.

They appeared to have drawn level in the 23rd minute, when David Robertson broke through on Brian Laudrup's pass and squeezed the ball home off the body of the goalkeeper, Gordon Marshall, but one man in the ground had his own interpretation of events. The linesman had given offside. Although vexed, Rangers had the means to compensate themselves for the apparent injury done to them.

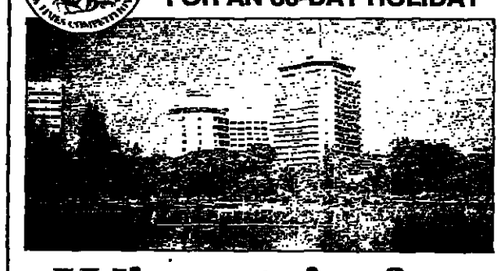
They equalised six minutes before the interval. Gascoigne, having a relatively unobtrusive afternoon after collecting the first of the game's nine bookings, that ensures he will automatically be suspended, prodded a pass across Celtic's defence. Laudrup, in space, stroked his shot across the goalkeeper and into the far corner.

It was the Dane's first appearance in almost eight weeks, after an ankle injury, and while a little short of full fitness, he replenished Rangers' store of imagination. Celtic's defence never re-established its authority, and the visitors' second goal, in the fiftieth minute, was a disruption to the course of events. Richard Gough clambered over John Hughes as he was about to reach Thom's free kick, and John Collins's penalty, although mis-struck, squirted into the corner of the net.

Celtic, however, held the advantage only tremulously, and in the 63rd minute Ally McCoist, the substitute, was unmarked to head in his customary goal on these occasions from a free kick by Gascoigne.

Confusion and misplaced confidence still bedevilled Celtic's defence and allowed Rangers the lead after 70 minutes. Boyd's back-heel opened up space only for Oleg Salenko, and his low cross was turned past his own goalkeeper by Tosh McKinlay. Within two minutes, though, it was McKinlay who flighted the ball over for Van Hooijdonk to flick the equaliser. Like McKinlay's role, the event had been mercurial and utterly engrossing.

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Johnson 22 — Ferdinand 58
39,167

Aston Villa: M Bosnich, U Ehiogu, P McGrath, G Southgate, G Charles, M Draper, I Taylor, A Wright, T Johnson, D Yorke, S Milosevic
Booked: Southgate
Newcastle United: S Hislop, W Barton, D Peacock, S Howey, J Beresford, K Gillespie, R Lee, S Watson (sub: L Clark, 45min), D Ginola, P Beardsley, L Ferdinand (sub: P Albert, 82).
Booked: Ginola, Beardsley
Referee: S Lodge

BLACKBURN (2) 7 **NOTTM FOREST** (0) 0
Shearer 20, 57, 68 — 27,660
Bohinen 28, 76
Newell 82
Le Saux 89

Blackburn Rovers: T Flowers, J Kenna, T Sherwood, C Hendry, G Le Saux, S Ripley, H Berg, L Bohinen, D Batty, A Shearer, M Newell
Booked: Batty
Nottingham Forest: M Crossley, D Lyttle, C Cooper (sub: D Phillips, 29min), S Chettle, S Pearce, S Stone, S Gemmill, A I Haaland, C Bart-Williams, I Woan, J Lee (sub: A Silenzi, 50)
Booked: Chettle, Woan, Haaland
Sent off: Chettle (67)
Referee: J Winter

BOLTON (0) 0 **WEST HAM** (0) 3
19,047 — Bishop 42, Cottee 68, Williamson 89

Bolton Wanderers: K Branagan, S McAnespie (sub: A Todd, 83min), J Phillips, G Bergsson, S Curcic, C Fairclough, D Lee (sub: S Green, 74), R Sneekes, J McGinlay, M Patterson, A Thompson
Booked: Curcic, Phillips, McGinlay, Thompson, Patterson
Sent off: Patterson (64)
West Ham United: L Miklosko, S Potts, A Martin, M Rieper, K Rowland, I Bishop, D Williamson, M Hughes, A Cottee, I Dowie, J Harkes
Booked: Rowland, Harkes
Referee: P Durkin

LEEDS (0) 1 **CHELSEA** (0) 0
Yeboah 80 — 36,209

Leeds United: J Lukic, G Kelly, D Wetherall, R Jobson, C Palmer, G McAllister, A Couzens (sub: R Wallace, 73min), G Speed, A Dorigo, B Deane, A Yeboah
Booked: Kelly
Chelsea: D Kharine, M Duberry, D Lee, E Johnsen (sub: P Furlong, 88), D Petrescu, C Burley, D Wise, E Newton, G Hall, M Hughes, M Stein
Booked: Duberry, Johnsen
Referee: M Reed

LIVERPOOL (0) 1 **EVERTON** (0) 2
Fowler 89 — Kanchelskis 53, 69
40,818

Liverpool: D James, M Wright, J Scales, P Babb (sub: M Thomas, 72min), R Jones, J McAteer, J Barnes, S Harkness (sub: N Ruddock, 78), S McManaman, R Fowler, I Rush.
Booked: Scales
Everton: N Southall, M Jackson, D Watson, C Short, G Ablett (sub: D Unsworth, 22), A Kanchelskis, J Ebbrell, J Parkinson, A Limpar, G Stuart, P Rideout
Booked: Ebbrell, Parkinson.
Referee: G Ashby.

MANCHESTER UTD (3) 4 **SOUTHAMPTON** (0) 1
Giggs 1, 4 — Shipperley 85
Scholes 8 — 39,301
Cole 69

Manchester United: P Schmeichel, G Neville, S Bruce, G Pallister, D Irwin (sub: P Neville, 46min), D Beckham, N Butt, R Giggs (sub: L Sharpe, 67), E Cantona, P Scholes (sub: B McClair, 49), A Cole
Booked: Butt
Southampton: D Beasant, J Dodd, R Hall, K Monkou, F Benali, D Hughes, T Widdrington, J Magilton, N Heaney (sub: F Bennett, 56), N Shipperley, G Watson (sub: N Maddison, 56)
Booked: Widdrington
Referee: P Danson

SHEFFIELD WED (1) 1 **MANCHESTER C** (0) 1
Hirst 13 (pen) — Lomas 55
24,422

Sheffield Wednesday: K Pressman, P Atherton, I Nolan, M Pembridge (sub: G Hyde, 65min), C Waddle, D Hirst, A Pearce, M Degryse, A Sinton, M Williams, A Briscoe
Booked: Williams, Hyde.

Manchester City: E Immel, R Edghill, S Lomas, K Curle, G Kinkladze, N Quinn, G Flitcroft, I Brightwell, K Symons, N Summerbee, U Rosler
Booked: Kinkladze, Brightwell
Referee: G Poll

TOTTENHAM (1) 2 **ARSENAL** (1) 1
Sheringham 30 — Bergkamp 14
Armstrong 55 — 32,894

Tottenham Hotspur: I Walker, D Austin, C Calderwood, G Mabbutt, S Campbell, R Fox, J Dozzell, D Howells, R Rosenthal (sub: G McMahon, 87min), E Sheringham, C Armstrong.
Booked: Mabbutt
Arsenal: D Seaman, L Dixon, S Bould, A Adams, N Winterburn, P Merson, D Platt, M Keown, G Helder (sub: D Hillier, 70), D Bergkamp, J Hartson
Booked: Dixon, Platt, Keown, Bergkamp
Referee: A Wilkie.

WIMBLEDON (0) 0 **MIDDLESBROUGH** (0) 0
13,780

Wimbledon: P Heald, K Cunningham, A Thorn, C Perry, G Elkins, O Leonhardsen, V Jones, R Earle, J Euell, D Holdsworth, E Ekoku (sub: M Gayle, 75min)
Booked: Ekoku, Elkins, Euell.
Middlesbrough: G Walsh, S Vickers, N Pearson, C Morris, N Cox, P Stamp, C Liddle, J Pollock, N Barmby, Juninho, J-A Fjortoft
Referee: K Cooper (Pontypridd)

Yesterday

QPR (1) 1 **COVENTRY** (0) 1
Barker 37 — Dublin 76
11,189

Queens Park Rangers: J Sommer, R Brevett (sub: T Challis, 24min), D Maddix, K Ready, S Yates, N Zelic, S Barker, K Gallen, A Impey, D Dichio, T Sinclair (sub: R Wilkins, 74).
Booked: Barker
Coventry City: S Ogrizovic, R Shaw, M Hall, J Williams, D Rennie, P Ndlovu, K Richardson, P Telfer (sub: G Strachan, 85), M Isaias, D Dublin, J Salako
Booked: Rennie, Salako
Referee: M Bodenham



Shearer: Blackburn hat-trick

GOALSCORERS

	Lge	Cup	Euro	Total
Ferdinand (Newcastle)	15	3	0	18
Shearer (Blackburn)	13	5	0	18
Fowler (Liverpool)	11	2	0	13
Sheringham (Tottenham)	10	3	0	13
Yeboah (Leeds)	9	0	3	12
Wright (Arsenal)	7	4	0	11
Scholes (Man Utd)	7	2	1	10
Bergkamp (Arsenal)	5	3	0	8
Yorke (Aston Villa)	5	3	0	8
Holdsworth (Wimbledon)	4	4	0	8

ENGLAND MANAGERS

PRIOR to the victory over Switzerland in midweek, Terry Venables had the worst record of the last six full England managers in their first 12 games in charge. That result marginally lifted him above Bobby Robson, who won six, drew five and lost two of his first 13 games, compared to Venables's record of won six, drawn six, lost one. However, Venables's teams are well behind on number of goals scored. Additionally, except for Alf Ramsey, the records of all the modern-day England managers included World Cup or European Championship qualifying matches. Under Venables, England have yet to play in these competitions.

KEY: Venue Wembley unless stated. Fr: Friendly. ECQ: European Championship qualifying tournament. H: Home internationals.

ALF RAMSEY: P 13, W 8, D 2, L 3, F 41, A 22.

DON REVIE: P 13, W 8, D 4, L 1, F 25, A 8.

RON GREENWOOD: P 13, W 9, D 3, L 1, F 25, A 9.

BOBBY ROBSON: P 13, W 6, D 5, L 2, F 23, A 7.
2-2 v Denmark (Copenhagen, ECQ); 1-2 v West Germany (Fr); 3-0 v Greece (Salonika, ECQ); 9-0 v Luxembourg (ECQ); 2-1 v Wales (H); 0-0 v Greece (ECQ); 2-0 v Hungary (ECQ); 0-0 v Northern Ireland (Belfast, H); 2-0 v Scotland (H); 0-0 v Australia (Sydney, Fr); 1-0 v Australia (Brisbane, Fr); 1-1 v Australia (Melbourne, Fr); 0-1 v Denmark (ECQ).

GRAHAM TAYLOR: P 13, W 9, D 3, L 1, F 21, A 8.
1-0 v Hungary (Fr); 2-0 v Poland (ECQ); 1-1 v Ireland (Dublin, ECQ); 2-0 Cameroon (Fr); 1-1 v Ireland (ECQ); 1-0 v Turkey (Izmir, ECQ); 3-1 v Soviet Union (Fr); 2-2 v Argentina (Fr); 1-0 v Australia (Sydney, Fr); 1-0 v New Zealand (Auckland, Fr); 2-0 v New Zealand (Wellington, Fr); 4-2 v Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur, Fr); 0-1 Germany (Fr).

TERRY VENABLES: P 13, W 6, D 6, L 1, F 19, A 9.
1-0 v Denmark (Fr); 5-0 v Greece (Fr); 0-0 v Norway (Fr); 2-0 v United States (Fr); 1-1 v Romania (Fr); 1-0 v Nigeria (Fr); 0-0 v Uruguay (Fr); 2-1 v Japan (Fr); 3-3 v Sweden (Elland Rd, Fr); 1-3 v Brazil (Fr); 0-0 v Colombia (Fr); 0-0 v Norway (Oslo, Fr); 3-1 v Switzerland (Fr). *NB Ireland match abandoned and, therefore, does not count in records*

		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
			HOME					AWAY						
1	Newcastle	14	7	0	0	18	3	4	2	1	13	7	35	+21
2	Man Utd	13	6	1	0	17	5	3	1	2	10	8	29	+14
3	Arsenal	13	4	2	0	10	4	3	1	3	7	4	24	+9
4	Aston Villa	13	4	2	1	9	4	3	1	2	9	6	24	+8
5	Leeds	13	5	0	2	10	7	2	3	1	9	7	24	+5
6	Nottm For	13	4	2	0	14	6	2	4	1	9	14	24	+3
7	Liverpool	13	5	1	1	17	4	2	1	3	9	8	23	+14
8	Middlesbro	13	4	2	0	8	2	2	3	2	4	5	23	+5
9	Tottenham	13	3	1	3	9	9	3	3	0	12	8	22	+4
10	Blackburn	14	5	1	1	20	5	0	1	6	3	12	17	+5
11	West Ham	13	1	2	3	7	12	3	2	2	7	4	16	-2
12	Chelsea	13	2	3	1	7	6	2	1	4	4	9	16	-4
13	Everton	13	2	1	3	7	9	2	2	3	8	8	15	-2
14	Sheff Wed	13	1	2	4	4	9	2	2	2	6	5	13	-4
15	Soton	13	2	2	2	8	8	1	1	5	6	16	12	-10
16	QPR	13	1	2	4	7	14	2	0	4	4	6	10	-9
17	Wimbledon	13	2	2	3	9	11	1	0	5	7	18	11	-13
18	Bolton	13	2	2	3	6	10	0	0	6	6	16	8	-14
19	Coventry	13	1	2	3	5	9	0	3	4	6	16	8	-14
20	Man City	13	1	2	3	2	5	0	1	6	3	17	6	-17

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FIRST DIVISION

DERBY CO (1) 2 **CHARLTON** (0) 0
Willems 43 — 12,963
Gabbiadini 62

GRIMSBY (0) 1 **WEST BROM** (0) 0
Bonetti 55 — 8,155

LUTON (0) 0 **BIRMINGHAM** (0) 0
7,320

MILLWALL (0) 0 **HUDDERSFIELD** (0) 0
9,402

PORT VALE (0) 1 **WATFORD** (1) 1
Samuel 63 — Ramage 41
6,265

PORTSMOUTH (2) 3 **STOKE** (1) 3
McLoughlin 16 (pen), 56 — Gayle 30, 61
Walsh 44 — Sturridge 63
6,030

READING (0) 0 **BARNSLEY** (0) 0
6,695

SUNDERLAND (0) 2 **SHEFFIELD UTD** (0) 0
Gray 67, 72 — 16,640

WOLVES (1) 1 **OLDHAM** (0) 3
Emblen 27 — Halle 62
23,128 — McCarthy 64, Beresford 78

Yesterday

LEICESTER (0) 0 **TRANMERE** (0) 1
13,125 — Moore 66

NORWICH (1) 2 **IPSWICH** (0) 1
Newsome 5 — Vaughan 82 (pen)
Fleck 71 — 17,962

SOUTHEND (0) 1 **C PALACE** (0) 1
Regis 46 — Lapper 63 (og)
5,625

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKPOOL (1) 1 **YORK** (1) 3
Holden 27 — Barnes 3
4,514 — Matthews 54, Baker 82

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1 **BRENTFORD** (0) 0
Victory 46 — 3,894

BRADFORD (0) 1 **HULL** (1) 1
Murray 81 — Windass 37
5,620

Sent off: C Lee (Hull) 89

BRIGHTON (0) 0 **WALSALL** (2) 3
4,976 — Wilson 7, Houghton 30, 66

BRISTOL CITY (0) 1 **CARLISLE** (0) 1
Nugent 56 — Currie 48
5,413

CREWE (2) 4 **SWANSEA** (1) 1
Edwards 7, 75 — Pascoe 12
Rivers 38 — 3,608
Murphy 84

NOTTS CO (2) 4 **CHESTERFIELD** (1) 1
Gallagher 9 — Law 26 (pen)
Strodder 40 — 6,747
Nicol 67
Arkins 70

PETERBOROUGH (0) 1 **OXFORD UTD** (1) 1
Shaw 65 — Ford 36
4,720

SHREWSBURY (2) 3 **BURNLEY** (0) 0
Evans 8 (pen), 35 — 3,914
Scott 59

Sent off: G Harrison (Burnley) 8

STOCKPORT (0) 1 **SWINDON** (1) 1
Helliwell 85 — Allison 45
7,196

WREXHAM (3) 7 **ROTHERHAM** (0) 0
Connolly 11, 14 — 3,227
Garner 39 (og)
Ward 64
Skinner 73
Watkin 78, 89

WYCOMBE (1) 1 **BRISTOL R** (0) 1
Farrell 24 — Gurney 69
4,886

THIRD DIVISION

CARDIFF (0) 0 **BURY** (1) 1
3,846 — Johnson 25

DARLINGTON (0) 0 **SCUNTHORPE** (0) 0
2,078

DONCASTER (2) 3 **COLCHESTER** (1) 2
Colcombe 18 — Cheetham 45
Jones 25, 76 — Adcock 85
1,603

EXETER (1) 1 **PRESTON** (0) 1
Saville 36 (og) — Moyes 90
3,550

FULHAM (0) 1 **BARNET** (0) 1
Brazil 88 — Dunwell 81
4,369

HARTLEPOOL (0) 2 **PLYMOUTH** (2) 2
Ingram 48 — Evans 11 (pen)
Howard 61 — Mauge 35
1,930

L ORIENT (1) 3 **CAMBRIDGE** (1) 1
West 3, 52 — Raynor 18
Inglethorpe 47 — 4,142

MANSFIELD (1) 3 **CHESTER** (2) 4
Hadley 38, 60, 64 — Rimmer 3, 49, 83
2,415 — Noteman 40

NORTHAMPTON (0) 0 **WIGAN** (0) 0
4,102

ROCHDALE (0) 0 **HEREFORD** (0) 0
2,619

SCARBOROUGH (0) 0 **GILLINGHAM** (2) 2
1,546 — Green 26, Fortune-West 29

TORQUAY (0) 0 **LINCOLN** (1) 2
2,553 — Ainsworth 28, 47

GOALSCORERS

First division: 12 Aldridge (Tranmere). 10 Blake (Sheffield United), Goodman (Wolverhampton). 9 McCarthy (Oldham), Roberts (Leicester), Hunt (West Bromwich). Bowyer (Charlton). 8 Claridge (Birmingham), Mathie (Ipswich), Lovell (Reading), Booth (Huddersfield), Peschisolido (Stoke), Taylor (West Bromwich)

Second division: 15 Barnes (York). Goater (Rotherham). 14 White (Notts County). 13 Nogan (Burnley). 12 Finney (Swindon). 11 De Souza (Wycombe). Jones (Bournemouth), Showler (Bradford), Stewart (Bristol Rovers), Connolly (Wrexham).

Third division: 16 Dale (Cardiff). 14 Saville (Preston). Whitehall (Rochdale). 12 Stant (Bury), McFarlane (Scunthorpe). 11 Littlejohn (Plymouth): Adcock (Colchester). 10 Butler (Cambridge United), Corazzin (Cambridge United).

BELL'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

PREMIER DIVISION

FALKIRK (0) 0 **PARTICK** (0) 1
4,352 — McWilliams 59

KILMARNOCK (1) 1 **MOTHERWELL** (1) 1
Mitchell 24 — Burns 7
6,608

RAITH (1) 1 **ABERDEEN** (0) 0
Lennon 16 (pen) — 5,786

Yesterday

HEARTS (1) 2 **HIBERNIAN** (0) 1
Millar 32 — Jackson 52
Robertson 55 (pen) — 12,074

Sent off: M O'Neill (Hibernian) 90

RANGERS (1) 3 **CELTIC** (1) 3
Laudrup 39 — Thom 9, Collins 51
McCoist 63 — Van Hooijdonk 72
McKinlay 70 (og) — 46,640

FIRST DIVISION

DUMBARTON (0) 1 **CLYDEBANK** (1) 2
Mooney 67 (pen) — Grady 7
1,042 — Eadie 55

DUNDEE UTD (0) 2 **DUNDEE** (2) 3
Brewster 59 — Shaw 8, 15
Malpas 65 — Wieghorst 49
10,662

G MORTON (0) 0 **ST MIRREN** (1) 3
6,216 — Yardley 32, 86, Lavety 59

Sent off: P Cormack (G Morton) 82

HAMILTON (1) 1 **AIRDRIE** (1) 2
McStay 7 — Smith 4
1,169 — Sandison 60

ST JOHNSTONE (0) 1 **DUNFERMLINE** (0) 0
Twaddle 65 — 4,559

SECOND DIVISION

CLYDE (1) 1 **STIRLING** (1) 2
Annand 4 — McCormick 17
1,081 — Taggart 79

EAST FIFE (0) 0 **STENHOUSEMUIR** (2) 2
889 — Little 19, Mathieson 45

MONTROSE (0) 1 **FORFAR** (0) 0
Kennedy 62 — 710

Sent off: G Ingles (Forfar) 89

STRANRAER (1) 2 **AYR** (0) 0
Kerrigan 18 Duncan 74 — 770

Postponed: Berwick v Queen of the South

THIRD DIVISION

ALLOA (0) 1 **EAST STIRLING** (2) 3
Moffat 62 — Dwyer 29, 38
357 — Hunter 89

ARBROATH (1) 1 **BRECHIN** (0) 1
McCormick 13 — Ferguson 74
574

LIVINGSTON (0) 0 **COWDENBEATH** (0) 1
3,893 — Bowmaker 90

QUEEN'S PARK (2) 4 **ALBION** (0) 1
Edgar 13 — Sharn 85
McGoldrick 32, 49 — 517
Porter 90

ROSS CO (1) 2 **CALEY THIS** (0) 0
MacPherson 21, 59 — 4,288

CONFERENCE

ALTRINCHAM (0) 0 **MACCLESFIELD** (1) 4
4,648 — Coates 17, 52, Lyons 62, 74

BATH (0) 0 **NORTHWICH** (1) 3
417 — Butler 28 (pen), Burgess 55 Williams 76

DAG & RED (1) 1 **HALIFAX** (1) 1
Bennett 1 — Midwood 34
701

FARNBOROUGH (0) 1 **BROMSGROVE** (0) 0
Boothe 50 — 930

GATESHEAD (1) 1 **KETTERING** (1) 1
Ord 11 — Alford 1
712

Sent off: Troll (Gateshead) 66, Wrightson (Gateshead) 80, Pope (Kettering) 66

KIDDERMINSTER (2) 4 **RUNCORN** (0) 1
Hughes 8 Davies 23 — Farrington 49
May 53, 66 — 1,879

MORECAMBE (1) 3 **DOVER** (1) 1
Tomlinson 45 — Lewis 19
Coleman 67 — 1,047
McCluskie 84

SLOUGH (1) 2 **WOKING** (2) 3
Bushay 17 — Walker 28 62 (2 pens)
Baron 63 — Steele 45
1,659

Sent off: Steele (Woking) 81

STALYBRIDGE (0) 0 **HEDNESFORD** (1) 1
687 — Foreman 3

STEVENAGE (1) 1 **SOUTHPORT** (1) 3
Venables 23 — Whittaker 9
1,785 — Dove 63 Berry 90 (og)

WELLING (1) 3 **TELFORD** (0) 1
Harry 30 — Langford 66
Fowler 57 (og) — 613
Brown 64

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
Macclesfield	20	7	1	2	17	10	6	2	2	18	14	42
Woking	17	8	0	0	19	3	4	0	5	16	17	36
Kidderminster	18	7	2	0	21	6	3	1	5	17	20	33
Gateshead	18	5	3	1	13	8	4	2	3	11	9	32
Hednesford	14	4	2	1	14	6	5	0	2	11	8	29
Stevenage	14	4	1	2	18	8	4	2	1	13	11	27
Halifax	19	7	1	3	17	10	1	2	5	6	13	27
Kettering	19	5	2	1	18	6	2	3	6	18	27	26
Southport	17	3	2	3	16	11	4	2	3	18	16	25
Bromsgrove	17	5	2	1	15	6	2	2	5	10	19	25
Farnborough	14	4	3	1	14	5	2	2	2	11	15	23
Northwich	14	4	0	3	14	12	3	2	2	11	10	23
Morecambe	16	7	0	2	22	12	0	2	5	6	17	23
Altrincham	17	3	3	3	15	15	2	3	3	7	10	21
Slough	18	2	3	5	19	25	4	0	4	12	12	21
Welling	18	3	2	3	14	13	2	2	6	12	17	19
Stalybridge	18	4	1	5	14	19	1	2	5	7	10	18
Runcorn	18	4	2	2	13	10	1	1	8	11	26	18
Bath	19	3	1	5	8	14	2	1	7	6	16	17
Telford	15	3	2	3	12	11	1	1	5	5	16	15
Dover	18	2	0	6	11	16	1	4	5	12	19	13
Dag & Red	16	2	3	3	11	16	1	0	7	3	15	12



Redondo, right, of Real Madrid, is one step ahead of his opponent, Kiko, of Atlético Madrid, in the derby match on Saturday, which Real won 1-0

EUROPEAN

FRENCH LEAGUE: Bordeaux 4 Nice 1; Bastia 2 Martigues 0; Guingamp 0 Metz 0; Nantes 2 Rennes 2; Gueugnon 0 Strasbourg 1, Monaco 0 Lyons 2, Cannes 0 Le Havre 0. Lille 0 Paris St Germain 0; Montpellier 0 Lens 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Paris SG	18	11	5	2	35	16	38
Metz	18	9	6	3	18	11	33
Lens	18	8	8	2	21	12	32
Auxerre	17	10	1	6	31	19	31
Nantes	18	7	8	3	21	17	29
Guingamp	18	7	8	3	14	11	29
Strasbourg	18	7	7	4	28	16	28
Bastia	18	8	3	7	25	25	27
Monaco	18	7	5	6	28	24	26
Montpellier	18	7	5	6	24	22	26
Rennes	18	7	5	6	22	21	26
Bordeaux	18	6	4	8	21	22	22
Nice	18	6	4	8	20	22	22
Le Havre	18	6	4	8	13	23	22
Lyons	18	4	8	6	16	19	20
Saint-Etienne	17	4	6	7	22	27	18
Lille	18	3	6	9	13	23	15
Gueugnon	18	2	8	8	12	23	14
Martigues	18	4	2	12	13	26	15
Cannes	18	3	3	12	18	34	12

GERMAN LEAGUE: Borussia Mönchengladbach 1 SV Hamburg 2, Sankt Pauli 2 Fortuna Düsseldorf 1 Bayer Leverkusen 2 Uerdingen 1 Freiburg 2 Hansa Rostock 1 Bayern Munich 2 Werder Bremen 0 Eintracht Frankfurt 1 FC Cologne 0. Borussia Dortmund 4 SC Karlsruhe 1 FC Kaiserslautern 0 Munich 1860 0. Leading positions: 1. Borussia Dortmund played 13, 28pts. 2. Bayern Munich, 13, 28. 3. Borussia Mönchengladbach 14, 25

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Atalanta 3 Sampdoria 2. Internazionale 2 Udinese 1, Juventus 1 Fiorentina 0. Lazio 2 Cremonese 1 Napoli 1 Vicenza 1. Padova 3 Bari 0. Parma 0 AC Milan 0, Piacenza 1 Roma 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
AC Milan	10	6	3	1	16	9	21
Parma	10	6	3	1	16	9	21
Lazio	10	5	4	1	15	9	19
Fiorentina	10	6	0	4	16	12	18
Juventus	10	5	2	3	15	10	17
Napoli	10	4	5	1	11	7	17
Atalanta	10	4	4	2	13	12	16
Udinese	10	4	3	3	11	10	16
Inter	10	3	5	2	11	7	14
Roma	10	3	4	3	10	8	13
Vicenza	10	3	4	3	9	8	13
Sampdoria	10	2	5	3	13	12	11
Piacenza	10	3	2	5	11	20	11
Torino	9	2	4	3	6	12	10
Bari	10	2	2	6	14	21	8
Cagliari	9	2	1	6	6	14	7
Padova	10	1	2	7	9	18	5
Cremonese	10	0	3	7	7	17	3

SPANISH LEAGUE: Saturday: Barcelona 3 Albacete 0. Betis 3 Real Sociedad 1. Real Madrid 1 Atlético Madrid 0. Real Zaragoza 0 Sevilla 1. Yesterday: Compostela 0 Salamanca 0. Merida 0 Espanyol 1. Oviedo 2 Racing 1. Rayo Vallecano 2 Sporting Gijon 0. Valencia 2 Tenerife 2. Valladolid 1 Celta 1.

NON-LEAGUE AND NATIONAL LEAGUES

UNIBOND

Premier division: Bamber Bridge 2 Buxton 0. Barrow 1 Spennymoor 1. Bishop Auckland 2 Accrington Stanley 2. Boston 1 Matlock 0. Droylsden 0 Chorley 6. Guiseley 0 Hyde 1. Knowsley 1 Blyth Spartans 0. Leek 5 Winsford 1. Marine 1 Frickley 1. Witton 3 Emley 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Bamber Bridge	21	13	6	2	48	18	45
Boston Utd	22	13	2	7	45	26	41
Guiseley	19	10	6	3	34	20	36
Hyde	19	10	3	6	36	21	33
Gainsborough	19	9	5	5	30	20	32
Witton	20	10	2	8	33	31	32
Emley	19	9	4	6	35	18	31
Barrow	14	8	4	2	34	17	28
Accrington	17	8	3	6	31	27	27
B Auckland	20	7	6	7	26	28	27
Leek	19	6	7	6	28	22	25
Spennymoor	19	6	7	6	26	25	25
Marine	14	6	4	4	18	14	22
Blyth	17	6	4	7	27	27	22
Chorley	18	6	3	9	27	35	21
Winsford	14	4	5	5	11	21	17
Frickley	17	4	5	8	21	34	17
Colwyn Bay	16	3	7	6	14	24	16
Knowsley	20	4	3	13	24	49	15
Droylsden	18	4	3	11	23	49	15
Buxton	20	3	5	12	19	41	14
Matlock	18	2	4	12	25	38	10

First division: Alfreton 4 Great Harwood 1. Curzon Ashton 2 Netherfield 1. Fleetwood 3 Bradford PA 2. Gretna 4 Harrogate Town 1. Leigh 1 Congleton 1. Lincoln United 2 Atherton LR 0. Radcliffe 5 Worksop 1. Warrington 2 Eastwood Town 0. Whitley Bay 0 Lancaster 1. Workington 2 Ashton United 2

BEAZER HOMES

Premier division. Atherstone 3 Dorchester 4. Burton 2 Worcester 0. Cambridge City 2 Stafford 0. Crawley 1 Ilkeston 0. Gloucester 3 Baldock 1. Gravesend and Northfleet 1 Rushden and Diamonds 3. Merthyr 2 Gresley 1. Newport AFC 1 Chelmsford 2. Salisbury 2 Halesowen 3. Sudbury 3 Cheltenham 4. VS Rugby 1 Hastings 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Rushden & D	14	12	1	1	38	11	37
Cheltenham	17	11	2	4	38	25	35
Gloucester	18	10	4	4	35	20	34
Worcester	17	10	4	3	28	14	34
Halesowen	15	8	5	2	31	22	29
Merthyr	17	9	1	7	35	32	28
Newport AFC	16	8	3	5	26	21	27
Burton	15	7	4	4	29	21	25
Gresley	17	7	4	6	25	24	25
Cambridge C	17	8	1	8	28	28	25
Hastings	16	6	5	5	26	25	23
Baldock	15	6	3	6	28	19	21
Crawley	15	5	5	5	18	19	20
Chelmsford	17	5	5	7	19	25	20
Dorchester	14	5	2	7	27	23	17
Sudbury	14	4	5	5	26	26	17
Gravesend & N	14	5	2	7	24	25	17
Atherstone	15	3	5	7	26	28	14
Ilkeston	16	4	2	10	22	43	14
Salisbury	13	3	3	7	20	28	12
VS Rugby	18	2	4	12	14	46	10
Stafford	18	0	2	16	21	59	2

Midland division: Bilston 2 Solihull 1. Bury Town 2 Redditch 0. Corby 0 Bridgnorth 0: Evesham 5 Hinckley 1. Grantham 1 Sutton Coldfield 0. Moor Green 0 Bedworth 0. Nuneaton 1 Buckingham 1. Paget 2 Dudley 0: RC Warwick 3 Tamworth 7, Rothwell 5 Leicester United 0. Stourbridge 1 King's Lynn 2.

Southern division: Ashford 4 Yate 2; Bashley 1 Forest Green 2. Braintree 3 Margate 0. Cinderford 3 Erith and Belvedere 1. Fareham 0 Trowbridge 3; Havant 1 Fisher 93 2. Newport IOW 2 Waterlooville 1. Sittingbourne 5 Clevedon 1. Tonbridge Angels 0 Weymouth 1. Weston-super-Mare 2 Fleet 3. Witney 2 Poole 0

DIADORA

Premier division. Bishop's Stortford 2 Kingstonian 3. Chertsey 0 Boreham Wood 3: Dulwich 2 Carshalton 1. Enfield 3 Grays 0. Hayes 1 Hitchin 1. Hendon 0 Harrow 2. Purfleet 0 Yeovil 3. St Albans 2 Aylesbury 0. Sutton 2 Molesey 0. Walton and Hersham 3 Bromley 1. Worthing 2 Yeading 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Enfield	17	12	3	2	38	9	39
Dulwich	14	9	4	1	29	12	31
Boreham Wood	15	9	3	3	25	13	30
Carshalton	14	9	2	3	25	19	29
St Albans	15	8	4	3	28	14	28
Kingstonian	16	7	7	2	22	13	28
Yeovil	15	8	3	4	32	20	27
Hayes	13	6	6	1	18	8	24
Harrow	13	7	2	4	24	19	23
Aylesbury	14	6	4	4	26	18	22
Sutton Utd	16	5	7	4	31	25	22
B Stortford	13	4	4	5	18	19	16
Yeading	17	3	7	7	17	23	16
Hitchin	14	3	5	6	13	21	14
Chertsey	15	4	2	9	16	30	14
Molesey	15	3	3	9	16	31	12
Walton & H	13	3	2	8	11	24	11
Worthing	13	2	4	7	17	27	10
Hendon	12	2	3	7	10	22	9
Purfleet	12	1	5	6	10	22	8
Bromley	14	2	2	10	11	31	8
Grays	14	1	4	9	8	25	7

First division: Abingdon Town 2 Berkhamsted 0. Aldershot Town 2 Marlow 3. Barton 1 Heybridge Swifts 4. Billericay 2 Basingstoke 2. Bognor Regis 1 Wembley 1. Chesham 1 Barking 1. Leyton Pennant 1 Wokingham 1. Ruislip Manor 0 Uxbridge 1. Staines 0 Oxford City 2. Thame 2 Maidenhead United 5. Whyteleafe 0 Tooting and Mitcham 2. **Second division:** Egham 2 Croydon 3. Witham 3 Saffron Walden 1. **Third division:** Camberley 1 Wealdstone 2. Clapton 5 Tring 0. Hornchurch 0 East Thurrock 0. Lewes 4 Hertford 2. Southall 2 Cove 1

FA VASE

Second round. Yorkshire Amateur 1 West Auckland 1. Winterton 1 Northallerton 0. Brigg 3 Tow Law 0. Selby 3 Billingham Synthonia 2. Shildon 1 Mossley 2. North Ferriby 7 Oldham 2. Clitheroe 2 RTM Newcastle 1. Thackley 0 Bedlington 1. Nettleham 1 Pershore 4. Anstey Nomads 4 Shepshed Dynamo 1. Armitage 0 Rushall Olympic 2. Nuthall 1 Boldmere St Michaels 3. Oakham 1 Lye 4. Raunds 2 Hinckley Athletic 2. Willenhall 3 Newcastle Town 1. Flixton 5 Hucknall 1. Belper 3 Blorwich 1. Trafford 3 Darlaston 0. Maine Road 1 Eastwood Hanley 4. Pelsall Villa 2 Barwell 4. Northwood 2 Ely 1. Hampton 5 Ware 2. Brackley 2 Aveley 3. Diss 2 Herne Bay 0. Burgess Hill 3 Wootton BC 2. Collier Row 5 Woodbridge 4. Cheshunt 2 Bedford 3. Wisbech 2 Wivenhoe 3. Stady Green 2 Newmarket 0; Arlesey 1 Thamesmead 2. Metropolitan Police 1 Canvey Island 3. Furness 0 Sawbridgeworth 0. Harwich and Parkeston 2 Tilbury 3. Langford 0 Whitstable 1. Wroxham 1 Brentwood 2. Whitehawk 3 Corinthian 1. Burnham 0 Windsor and Eton 4. Gorleston 3 Fakenham 2. Peacehaven and Telscombe 2 Harlow 0. Hadleigh 0 Edgware 2. Loughton 1 Chalfont St Peter 1. Keynsham 0 Chard 1. Lymington 2 Warminster 0. Paulton 2 Bideford 0. Bridport 3 Bemerton Heath 0. Horsham 0 Falmouth 2. Torpoint 1 Eastleigh 0. Shoreham 1 Chichester 2. Dorking 2 Bishop Sutton 2. Godalming and Guildford 2 Mangotsfield 5. Wimborne 1 Torrington 2. Cranleigh 0 Banstead 2. Wick 0 Chippenham 1. Taunton 3 Bracknell 3. **Postponed.** Guisborough v Crook. Hebburn v Ossett Albion. Chester-Le-Street v Whickham; Durham v Whitby. Seaham RS v Peterlee Newtown. Dunston FB v Cammell Laird. Prudhoe v Goole. Easington Colliery v Ossett Town. Murton v Consett

COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashford 6 Sandhurst 2. Cobham 3 Horley 0. Peppard 2 Chipstead 1. DCA Basingstoke 2 Merstham 3. Eton Wick 2 Bedfont 1. Feltham 4 Hartley Wintney 1. Netheam 3 Viking Sports 0. Reading 0 Ash 1. Raynes Park Vale 1 Farnham 2

ENDSLEIGH MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Coleshill 1 Studley BKL 4. Meir KA 4 Highgate 2. Knowle 4 Kings Heath 2. Northfield 0 Upton 2. Southam 2 Handrahan Timbers 2. West Midland Fire Service 0 Shirley 3

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier division: Bowers 2 Ford United 3. Concord 2 Burnham Ramblers 1. Eton Manor 6 East Ham 1. Hullbridge Sports 1 Southend Manor 4. Maldon 4 Great Wakering 3. Romford 3 Basildon 0

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Postponed: Ferryhill v Stockton

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Calne 6 Elmore 0. Crediton 0 Brislington 4. Frome 0 Westbury 2. Odd Down 1 Backwell 2. Tiverton 4 Bristol Manor Farm 0

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Almondsbury 4 Didcot 1. Banbury 2 Abingdon United 2. Bicester 0 Cirencester 1. Endsleigh 1 Lambourn Sports 2. Kintbury 4 Tuffley 4. Shortwood 4 North Leigh 2

HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Boston 6 Kempston 2. Bourne 1 Long Buckby 1. Cogenhoe 2 Spalding 2. Eynesbury 3 Mirrlees Blackstone 0. Northampton Spencer 2 Potton 1. Stamford 2 Desborough 3. S and L Corby 8 Newport Pagnell 3. Stotfold 2 St Neots 0. Wellingborough 1 Holbeach 1

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Great Yarmouth 1 Halstead 5. Haverhill 1 Clacton 3. Lowestoft 3 Tiptree 1. March 1 Cornard 0; Soham 4 Sudbury 2. Stowmarket 1 Felixstowe 0. Watton 2 Sudbury 3

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Aerostructures 5 Cowes Sports 0. BAT 0 Portsmouth RN 0. Christchurch 3 Totton 1. East Cowes 2 Andover 0. Gosport 0 Petersfield 2. Thatcham 2 Brockenhurst 0. Whitchurch 1 Bournemouth 1. Postponed. Ryde Sports v Swanage and Herston

LONDON OLD BOYS SENIOR CUP: Hamptonians 2 Dorkinians 1; John Fisher 0 Glyn 4. Meadonians 4 Isleworthians 2. Tenisonians 5 Wokingians 0. Chertsey 2 Camdenians 3. Shene 10 William Fitt 2. Manorians 5 Tollingtonians 0. Enfield 3 Cholmeleians 1. Grocers 3 Chigwellians 1. Buckwellians 2 Regatians 4; Forsters 6 Malvernians 0. Postponed: Kingsburians v Wilsonians

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bootle 0 Prescot 0. Darwen 0 Kidsgrove 2. Holker Old Boys 4 Chadderton 1: Nantwich 3 Blackpool Rovers 1. Penrith 1 Glossop North End 1. Rossendale 1 St Helens 1. Salford 0 Burscough 7

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Cup: Second round: Arnold 5 Parkgate 2. Denaby 2 Glasshoughton Welfare 3. Hall Road Rangers 3 Eccleshill 1. Worsbrough Bridge 3 Blidworth Welfare 1. Football League. Premier division: Ashfield 7 Maltby MW 0. Harfield Main 0 Hallam 0. Liversedge 6 Pickering 2

NUCLEAR ELECTRIC KENT COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Bromley Green 6 Lydd 1; New Romney 3 Rye 1. Platt 1 Eynsford 2

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Ignatians 1 Cardinal Manning OB 2. Aloysians 2 Clapham 0. Senior first division: Suttonians 2 Salvatorians 1. Senior second division: Southallians 0 Meadonians 1. Latymer 1 Phoenix 1. Minchindonians 1 Mill Hill County 1

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Ipswich Town 5 Fulham 1. Leyton Orient 0 Charlton Athletic 4. Millwall 0 Arsenal 2. Norwich City 3 Chelsea 1. Portsmouth 1 Cambridge United 1. Queens Park Rangers 3 Tottenham Hotspur 6. Southend United 1 Gillingham 2. Watford 3 West Ham United 1. **Second division:** Bristol Rovers 0 Brighton and Hove Albion 0. Colchester 2 Bristol City 2. Crystal Palace 4 Brentford 0. Oxford United 4 Reading 0. Southampton 2 Luton Town 1. Swindon Town 4 Wimbledon 1. Tottenham Hotspur 2 Barnet 2. Wycombe Wanderers 3 AFC Bournemouth 1

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: NatWest Bank 1 Kew Association 3. West Wickham 1 Carshalton 1. Winchmore Hill 0 Old Actonians 3. Norsemen 0 Old Esthameians 0. Crouch End Vampires 3 South Bank Poly 1. Civil Service 1 East Barnet OG 1. Polytechnic 3 Old Stationers 0. Old Parkonians 4 Old Lyonians 0. Alexandra Park 1 Lloyds Bank 0. Old Bromleians 0 Barclays Bank 2. Midland Bank 0 Old Latymerians 3. Old Westminster Citizens 2 Alleyn OB 7. Ibis 0 Old Salesians 5. Brentham 4 Broomfield 1. Southgate Olympic 9 Reigate Priory 0

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: First division: Old Grammarians 2 Nottsborough 3. St Marys College 1 Hale End 2. Albanian 0 Witan 0

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Crowborough 1 Eastbourne Town 6. Horsham YMCA 1 Three Bridges 1. Langney Sports 1 Pagham 2. Mile Oak 2 Ringmer 2. Oakwood 0 Southwick 1. Portfield 0 Hailsham 4. Stamco 6 Hassocks 0

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Canterbury 2 Crockenhill 2. Chatham 1 Ramsgate 3. Dartford 3 Tunbridge Wells 1. Deal 3 Faversham 3. Folkestone Invicta 4 Hythe 0. Greenwich 0 Beckenham 2. Sheppey 3 Cray 0

HIGHLAND LEAGUE: Buckie Thistle 0 Peterhead 4. Cove 4 Deveronvale 0. Elgin 3 Clachnacuddin 2. Fort William 1 Fraserburgh 4. Nairn County 0 Huntly 2. Wick Academy 0 Forres Mechanics 0

NATIONAL

LEAGUE OF WALES: Barry 4 Rhyl 0. Cemaes Bay 0 Caernarfon 4. Connah's Quay 3 Inter Cardiff 1; Conwy 5 Afan Lido 0. Cwmbran 1 Holywell 0; Ebbw Vale 3 Caersws 3. Flint 3 Bangor City 2. Llanelli 1 Ton Pentre 2. Llansantffraid 0 Porthmadog 3. Newtown 1 Aberystwyth 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Barry	14	10	2	2	34	9	32
Conwy	14	8	5	1	39	19	29
Flint	15	8	3	4	27	18	27
Connah's Quay	13	7	5	1	34	20	26
Newtown	13	8	2	3	18	9	26
Bangor	15	7	4	4	28	20	25
Ebbw Vale	16	6	5	5	22	21	23
Inter Cardiff	15	6	4	5	26	22	22
Caernarfon	17	5	7	5	29	25	22
Cwmbran	14	5	6	3	23	14	21
Holywell	15	6	3	6	28	28	21
Llansantffraid	16	5	4	7	25	27	19
Caersws	15	6	1	8	34	48	19
Afan Lido	13	5	2	6	15	26	17
Ton Pentre	14	4	4	6	20	24	16
Rhyl	14	4	3	7	14	26	15
Porthmadog	14	4	2	8	23	29	14
Aberystwyth	14	3	4	7	22	36	13
Cemaes Bay	14	3	4	7	21	34	13
Briton Ferry	12	3	1	8	16	36	10
Llanelli	15	2	1	12	19	37	7

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Ards 3 Cliftonville 0. Glentoran 3 Crusaders 1. Linfield 0 Glenavon 3. Portadown 4 Bangor 2. First division: Carrick 1 Ballymena 1. Coleraine 5 Omagh 2. Larne 2 Distillery 0. Newry 2 Ballyclare 0.

POOLS CHECK

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FIRST DIVISION

		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
			HOME					AWAY						
1	Millwall	17	4	3	2	10	8	5	3	0	11	6	33	21
2	Leicester	17	3	2	4	13	14	6	2	0	15	7	31	28
3	Birmingham	17	4	4	0	14	6	4	2	3	13	10	30	27
4	Sunderland	16	4	3	1	12	7	3	4	1	8	7	28	20
5	Tranmere	15	4	3	1	18	9	3	3	1	9	5	27	27
6	Norwich	17	5	3	1	11	6	2	3	3	13	13	27	24
7	Grimsby	17	5	4	0	11	5	2	2	4	9	13	27	20
8	Oldham	17	4	3	1	15	9	2	4	3	10	10	25	25
9	West Brom	17	5	1	2	12	7	2	2	5	10	15	24	22
10	Derby	17	4	4	1	12	6	2	2	4	10	17	24	22
11	Barnsley	17	4	3	1	12	12	2	2	5	11	18	23	23
12	Huddersfld	17	5	1	2	15	10	1	4	4	6	13	23	21
13	Charlton	17	3	4	1	11	8	2	4	3	8	8	23	19
14	Stoke	17	2	4	2	10	6	3	3	3	17	18	22	27
15	Ipswich	17	4	1	3	16	13	1	4	4	12	14	20	28
16	Southend	17	4	3	2	10	9	1	2	5	7	14	20	17
17	Reading	17	3	2	4	13	15	1	5	2	7	8	19	20
18	Wolves	17	3	3	3	11	11	1	3	4	8	12	18	19
19	C Palace	16	1	3	3	7	10	3	3	3	10	11	18	17
20	Sheff Utd	17	3	1	4	13	14	2	1	6	11	17	17	24
21	Watford	17	2	4	2	11	9	1	3	5	10	16	16	21
22	Portsmth	17	2	4	3	14	14	1	2	5	10	17	15	24
23	Luton	17	1	3	5	8	13	2	2	4	3	10	14	11
24	Port Vale	17	0	3	6	8	16	2	4	2	9	8	13	17

SECOND DIVISION

		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
			HOME					AWAY						
1	Swindon	17	5	3	0	15	5	6	2	1	18	8	38	33
2	Crewe	16	7	1	0	19	6	3	3	2	15	11	34	34
3	Notts Co	17	6	1	2	18	9	4	3	1	12	7	34	30
4	Wycombe	17	3	5	1	11	9	4	3	1	14	7	29	25
5	Blackpool	17	5	2	2	13	8	3	2	3	11	10	28	24
6	Wrexham	17	5	3	1	21	11	2	3	3	7	9	27	28
7	Chesterfld	17	6	1	1	16	6	2	2	5	8	13	27	24
8	Burnley	17	5	2	1	16	8	2	3	4	9	13	26	25
9	Bradford	17	5	2	2	15	12	2	2	4	9	14	25	24
10	Bournemth	17	5	2	2	12	9	2	2	4	7	10	25	19
11	Shrewsbury	17	5	0	4	15	10	2	2	4	10	15	23	25
12	Stockport	17	2	6	1	10	7	3	2	3	9	8	23	19
13	Oxford Utd	17	5	1	2	14	8	0	6	3	7	11	22	21
14	Bristol R	17	2	2	4	8	14	4	2	3	10	12	22	18
15	Rotherham	17	5	3	0	15	7	0	2	7	6	22	20	21
16	Walsall	17	2	4	2	11	10	3	1	5	8	6	20	19
17	Peterboro	17	4	3	2	16	9	0	4	4	6	17	19	22
18	York	17	2	3	3	9	10	3	0	6	11	18	18	20
19	Swansea	17	3	3	2	12	9	1	3	5	7	17	18	19
20	Bristol C	16	3	4	2	9	6	1	2	4	5	14	18	14
21	Carlisle	17	3	3	2	9	6	0	3	6	8	20	15	17
22	Brentford	17	4	0	4	8	8	0	3	6	4	15	15	12
23	Brighton	17	2	2	5	8	14	1	1	6	5	15	12	13
24	Hull	17	1	4	3	6	10	0	4	5	5	14	11	11

THIRD DIVISION

		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
			HOME					AWAY						
1	Chester	17	5	2	1	18	9	5	2	2	15	10	34	33
2	Gillingham	17	6	1	1	14	2	3	5	1	10	4	33	24
3	Preston	17	4	3	1	22	10	4	5	0	16	8	32	38
4	Rochdale	17	3	4	2	18	13	5	1	2	14	5	29	32
5	Colchester	17	5	2	1	16	7	2	4	3	11	13	27	27
6	Plymouth	17	4	2	2	14	8	3	3	3	15	13	26	29
7	Doncaster	17	5	3	1	10	8	2	2	4	9	15	26	19
8	Darlington	17	3	3	3	9	8	3	5	0	9	5	26	18
9	Bury	17	1	4	3	4	11	5	2	2	17	14	24	21
10	L Orient	17	5	2	2	14	8	1	3	4	7	14	23	21
11	Cambridge	17	3	3	2	15	10	3	1	5	13	20	22	28
12	Wigan	17	4	1	3	10	12	1	6	2	11	9	22	21
13	Scunthorpe	17	3	2	3	8	8	2	4	3	15	11	21	23
14	Exeter	17	3	4	2	9	10	1	5	2	9	11	21	18
15	Hereford	17	2	3	3	13	12	2	5	2	7	8	20	20
16	Northamptn	17	3	3	3	14	10	2	2	4	4	8	20	18
17	Fulham	17	3	6	0	16	8	0	4	4	6	13	19	22
18	Hartlepool	17	3	6	0	12	8	1	1	6	4	17	19	16
19	Scarboro	17	2	6	1	10	10	2	0	6	8	15	18	18
20	Mansfield	17	1	5	3	11	15	2	3	3	14	20	17	25
21	Barnet	17	2	3	3	10	14	1	5	3	6	10	17	16
22	Cardiff	17	2	2	5	7	8	2	3	3	8	10	17	15
23	Lincoln	17	0	3	5	7	16	3	2	4	9	17	14	16
24	Torquay	17	2	2	5	8	20	0	2	6	8	19	10	16

BELL'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

PREMIER DIVISION

		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
			HOME					AWAY						
1	Rangers	14	5	2	1	17	7	5	1	0	13	2	33	+21
2	Celtic	14	2	3	1	7	6	6	2	0	16	6	29	+11
3	Hibernian	13	3	2	0	11	6	3	2	3	10	11	22	+4
4	Aberdeen	14	3	0	3	12	7	3	2	3	10	11	20	+4
5	Hearts	14	5	1	2	17	12	0	2	4	4	13	18	-4
6	Raith	14	4	2	2	11	5	1	1	4	5	16	18	-5
7	Motherwll	14	2	2	2	6	6	0	5	3	6	10	13	-4
8	Partick	13	2	3	2	7	9	1	1	4	4	12	13	-10
9	Kilmarnck	14	2	2	3	10	10	1	1	5	4	11	12	-7
10	Falkirk	14	2	1	5	6	9	1	1	4	5	12	11	-10

FIRST DIVISION

		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
			HOME					AWAY						
1	Dunfermline	14	4	1	1	11	5	5	0	3	15	7	28	+14
2	Dundee	14	1	4	1	8	7	6	2	0	19	9	27	+11
3	Dundee Utd	14	5	1	2	15	9	3	1	2	7	8	26	+5
4	G Morton	14	4	1	2	13	8	3	2	2	11	6	24	+10
5	St Johnstn	14	4	2	2	10	7	2	1	3	8	9	21	+2
6	Airdrie	14	2	2	3	9	10	4	1	2	10	8	21	+1
7	Clydebank	14	3	2	2	8	9	2	3	2	9	10	20	-2
8	St Mirren	14	1	2	3	6	11	2	4	2	10	9	15	-4
9	Dumbarton	14	2	0	6	6	18	1	0	5	8	15	9	-19
10	Hamilton	14	0	1	6	5	15	0	2	5	2	10	3	-18

SECOND DIVISION

		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
			HOME					AWAY						
1	East Fife	14	3	3	1	10	7	6	0	1	9	3	30	+9
2	Stirling	14	4	2	1	11	6	3	3	1	13	8	26	+10
3	Berwick	13	4	1	1	11	2	3	1	3	13	11	23	+11
4	Stenhsmuir	14	4	1	1	13	5	3	1	4	10	11	23	+7
5	Stranraer	14	4	4	0	11	3	1	3	2	7	11	22	+4
6	Forfar	14	4	1	2	6	10	2	3	2	8	7	22	-3
7	Clyde	14	2	1	4	10	9	1	5	1	5	3	15	+3
8	Queen of S	13	1	3	3	8	15	1	2	3	9	9	11	-7
9	Ayr	14	0	2	5	5	13	2	1	4	4	8	9	-12
10	Montrose	14	1	2	4	6	12	0	1	6	4	20	6	-22

THIRD DIVISION

		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
			HOME					AWAY						
1	Livingston	14	3	2	2	7	4	6	1	0	13	3	30	+13
2	Ross Co	14	4	4	0	17	7	3	1	2	10	9	26	+11
3	Caley This	14	4	1	2	19	11	3	2	2	16	6	24	+18
4	Brechin	14	3	2	2	8	5	3	3	1	8	5	23	+6
5	Cowdenbth	14	4	1	2	13	8	2	1	4	10	15	20	0
6	Arbroath	14	1	4	2	9	11	3	2	2	10	11	18	-3
7	Alloa	14	3	0	4	8	16	1	3	3	5	8	15	-11
8	Queen's Pk	14	3	1	3	8	8	1	1	5	7	15	14	-8
9	East Stirling	14	1	1	4	8	14	2	3	3	12	14	13	-8
10	Albion	14	2	1	4	13	15	1	0	6	8	24	10	-18

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Brazilian passes test of nerve in encounter with Wimbledon's Crazy Gang

Juninho learns to keep up with the Joneses

Andrew Longmore sees Middlesbrough leave town with body and goal intact



Juninho goes where others sometimes fear to tread, shaping to tackle Jones during the goalless draw at Selhurst Park on Saturday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

He juggled the ball on head and nape during breaks in play, struck a thunderous volley from 30 yards just over the bar and, with Brazilian flair, essayed the neatest of back-heels midway through the second half. He tackled like a demon, too. Clearly tougher than he looks, that Vinnie Jones. And the little chap was quite good, too. What was his name? Juninho. Brazilian for Jones, is it?

The much-billed clash of cultures — Jones v Juninho, Watford v São Paulo, beast and beauty, the play within the play — never quite materialised in the 0-0 stalemate at Selhurst Park on Saturday. It was more a case of passing ships than colliding satellites as Juninho operated on the left side of the Middlesbrough attack, just behind Fjortoft, and Jones did his Superman impression in the Wimbledon midfield.

The sight of Jones's gap-toothed grimace, prompted by the Brazilian's third outrageous dive of the afternoon, might haunt dreams of home for a few nights. Wisely, Juninho leapt back from one two-footed Jones special. But the pair left the field together at the end, boyish head tucked into the crook of manly arm like a Mafia godfather congratulating a particularly talented hit-man. Juninho seemed to appreciate the gesture, anyway, just as Wimbledon's hard-pressed accountants appreciated the extra 5,000 on the gate.

Otherwise, in his third game for Middlesbrough, the £4.75 million Brazilian was nicely ornamental rather than structurally essential to an FA Carling Premiership match that neither grabbed every attention nor forfeited all interest. One turn inside Cunningham in the second half, a quick look, a flick and away, promised more, but the shot was blocked by a flying dark blue body. At times, bored with life on the left, he slipped back deep to exert greater influence, and Middlesbrough, unlike Chelsea when Gullit goes walkabout, have a solid enough framework to cope with the bouts of wanderlust.

Juninho's contribution at the business end of the field was disappointing — a volley just wide, a couple of other near misses — and his corners were much less effective than Jones's long throws. Presumably, corners are not considered proper currency in the land of golden free kicks. One even dribbled into the side netting, schoolboy fashion. But, on one of those cold, humdrum, afternoons which promised to test the will and explore the hype, the Brazilian's head and shoulders stayed impressively high.

"He just wants to play football," Viv Anderson, the Middlesbrough assistant manager, said. "He's like Nicky Barmby in that way. If training is at 10.30, Nicky will be out with a ball at 10.15. Juninho is the same. On a day off, he wants to be in. He runs for fun and our lads can learn a lot from his enthusiasm." Jaime Moreno, in particular, has welcomed Juninho's arrival. The Bolivian is now assured of a place in the first team squad, as chief interpreter.

These are still early days, lived in a hotel and a vacuum of language. Juninho has English lessons for two hours every day and, with luck, will be moving into a house and driving his own car by the end of the week. His ability, though, has been communicated in a language his teammates understand. At a five-a-side last week, played out in front of Juninho's parents, who watch their son train every day, nobody could get the ball off him. "He was different class," Anderson said. "He does all the right things, doesn't give the ball away. Give him another month and he'll be ready."

Juninho apart, the player who caught most neutral eyes was Philip Stamp, a blond workhorse in the Middlesbrough midfield, who has emerged from the ranks of the apprentices with a combative nature and a confident manner. He did not turn a hair at the aggressive attentions of Jones, did his chores in midfield, and found time to get into good positions in the penalty area. Heald had to beat away his shot from 20 yards midway through the second half, probably the save of the match. Stamp is 19. Alongside him, Craig Liddle is 22, the same age as Juninho. Pollock is 21. Middlesbrough are building impressively.

They were never in much danger of losing the game, and had decided 20 minutes from time to conserve a point. After seven games without one, any point would have done for Wimbledon, so the final stages were more like shadow boxing. Gayle blasted a good chance over. Elkins was booked for clattering Juninho. "I told my players not to get involved with him," Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, said. "He's very light, very skilful, but if you touch these people, they go over." After surviving his first bout of snow on Teesside and his first brush with Jones, all in one week, Juninho has little else to fear from the English game.

WIMBLEDON (4-3-3): P Heald — K Cunningham, A Thorn, C Perry, G Elkins — D Leonhardsen, V Jones, R Earle — J Euell, D Holdsworth, E Ekoku (sub: M Gayle, 75min)
MIDDLESBROUGH (3-4-2-1): G Walsh — S Vickers, N Pearson, C Morris — N Cox, P Stamp, C Liddle, J Pollock — N Barmby, Juninho — J-A Fjortoft
Referee: K Cooper (Pontypridd)

Weir seeks lucrative return after disputed stoppage

BY SRIKUMAR SEN
BOXING CORRESPONDENT

IF PAUL WEIR went home to Irvine on Saturday night nursing an "I was robbed" grievance and a cut eye after losing his World Boxing Organization light-flyweight title to Jake Matlala, of South Africa, in Glasgow, he should at least console himself with the thought that the referee, Wiso Fernandez, far from being the villain of the piece, did him a favour.

Thanks to the controversial ending of the bout by Fernandez after Weir had received a cut above his right eye in the fifth round, the Scot was not only saved from being knocked out in that round but also given an excellent chance of a lucrative rematch at Ellis Park, Johannesburg, where an attendance of 40,000 might be expected.

While the crowd of 3,000 at Kelvin Hall waited for the judges to consult their scorecards to see who was leading at the time of the stoppage, Barry Hearn, the joint promoter of the bout with Tommy Gilmour, said: "I think the referee misunderstood the doctor. Language difficulties. We will be protesting at the WBO convention in Las Vegas in ten days' time. I'm sure we'll get a rematch."

Hearn hopes to put Weir in for the rematch as quickly as possible, in January or February, in case Melochor Castro, the tough Mexican mandatory challenger, relieves Matlala of the title. "I would rather go to Ellis Park. Good business for everybody. Double money."

Weir said he was waiting for



Matlala: showed strength

Matlala, 33, to fire in the later rounds as a result of having to come down to light-flyweight from flyweight. But the "old" man, all 4ft 10in of him, far from slowing down, was getting stronger. Having won three of the four rounds and floored Weir in the fifth, he was in the process of putting the finishing touches to his night's work when Weir's eye was cut in an accidental clash of heads.

Fernandez stopped the bout and asked Dr Eamonn Branken to examine the injury. The doctor said the bout could continue but Fernandez decided to call a halt. That he did not heed the doctor's advice gave the impression that Fernandez might have decided to be cautious because of James Murray's death in Glasgow last month.

Gerry Woolard, the WBO supervisor who is also the British Boxing Board of Control's Scottish Area secretary, said: "No problem with language. The referee asked what round it was. I told him. He said 'I'm stopping the fight'. It was his decision. He might have thought he [Weir] was way behind."

Later, however, Fernandez said he had misunderstood the doctor and said he would recommend a rematch.

☐ Pernell Whitaker retained his World Boxing Council welterweight title by knocking out Jake Rodriguez in Atlantic City early yesterday.

Wembley offers only empty promises

Simon Wilde on the poor fare served up to spectators who lent England their support in the match with Switzerland

Go to Wembley and watch football. What a treat! Wembley: the stage on which every player wants to perform, the place every spectator wants to visit. If they sing songs about getting there ("We're on our way to Wem-ber-ley"), it must be difficult to accomplish and rewarding once you have got there, must it not?

Well no, actually. Not if you go to watch an England midweek international, such as the friendly with Switzerland last Wednesday, which was attended by fewer than 30,000. It was a feat surprisingly easy to accomplish and, as to being worth it, it all depended on how generous you wanted to be with your money and what you thought constituted 90 minutes of entertainment.

First things first. There was no need to waste time and money booking a ticket in advance by telephone. That cost you an extra £1.50 and 20 minutes queuing to pick up the reserved ticket outside a Portakabin under Wembley Way, where it was as dark, damp and intimidating as a scene from *Blade Runner*. Much better to have bought the ticket (in this case, at £26, for a seat near the halfway line) on the gate. But then it always has been easy to be wise after the event.

On the way into the stadium came a reminder of the reason for going, a slogan that proclaimed: "Wembley — where else?" For many people there is nowhere else for football's showpieces to be staged and the ongoing deliberations about the site for the new national sports stadium may be about to confirm such prejudices.

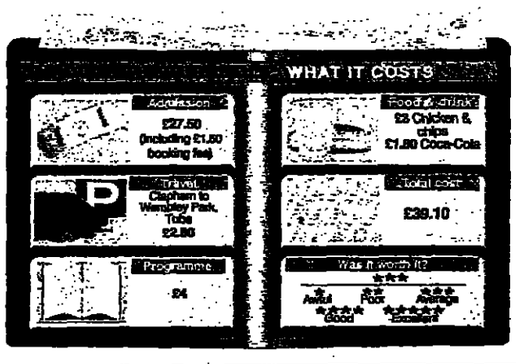
Inside, the case was less impressive. The stadium was about a quarter full and looked rather forlorn. While it was obvious that Switzerland were not the greatest of draw cards, England ought to have been their own attraction, Gascoigne, Shearer *et al.*

It took a subsequent telephone call to the Football Supporters' Association to discover the real reason for the poor attendance. For geographic reasons, Wembley is not a favourite venue of many seasoned football-goers in the Midlands and the North in midweek, when arranging transport home is a prime consideration.

So why is the Football Association not more imaginative about where it schedules England matches and the prices it charges? Why has it signed a contract with Wembley that keeps every meaningful home international — outside the European championship — at Wembley until at least 2002?

While many seats were empty on Wednesday, and people moved around freely in an attempt to find better views, many offered no improvement. They were uniformly too low, a legacy of the terraces being originally designed, 70 years ago, for standing spectators. In some quarters, too, views are restricted by pillars.

If Wembley is chosen as the new national stadium and rebuilt, these problems will disappear — as, one hopes, will the refreshment famine. The range of food and drinks available along the walkways inside and outside the stadium is as uniformly unexceptional at Wembley as at many — though not all — Premier League grounds, and more expensive. The range, and speed of service, needs improvement and a restaurant or two would indeed be a treat. Earlier this month, Tony Banks, the Labour MP, charged Wembley plc with being incapable of running a whelk stall. Frankly, even a badly run whelk stall would have been a welcome sight.



For a long time, what happened on the pitch was of no comfort at all to the home supporters. England were ghastly in the first half. The Swiss looked dangerous on the break and, but for a reflex save by Seaman, would have taken an early lead. Shortly before half-time, they scored first anyway. England's prompt equaliser owed much to a fierce deflection.

England gave an improved performance after the interval and won 3-1, providing the crowd, whose frustration had earlier been apparent, with much to cheer. Towards the end, sure of victory, they hurled some good-humoured abuse at the opposition, about their talents being limited to cuckoo clocks and cheese with holes in.

Afterwards, Wembley exhibited its great strength, its transport infrastructure. The large crowd that congregated outside Wembley Park underground station was dispersed rapidly and a door-to-door journey to Clapham was completed in 90 minutes, just allowing time for the discovery on television that England had been made second-favourites behind Italy to win the European championship next year. Now who is it that lives in the land of cuckoos?

Macclesfield add to Altrincham's woes

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL BY WALTER GAMMIE

MACCLESFIELD Town swept aside Altrincham 4-0 in the Cheshire derby at Moss Lane on Saturday to continue to set the pace at the top of the Vauxhall Conference. Woking, who have three matches in hand, won 3-2 away to Slough Town to stay in second place, six points behind, and Kidderminster Harriers regained third position by rediscovering their form in a 4-1 win over Runcorn at Aggborough.

Altrincham have not had a happy fortnight. They lost out on a fee from *Match of the Day* when their FA Cup first-round tie against Crewe Alexandra was postponed because their Endsleigh Insurance League opponents supplied players to Wales and Northern Ireland for the midweek international programme.

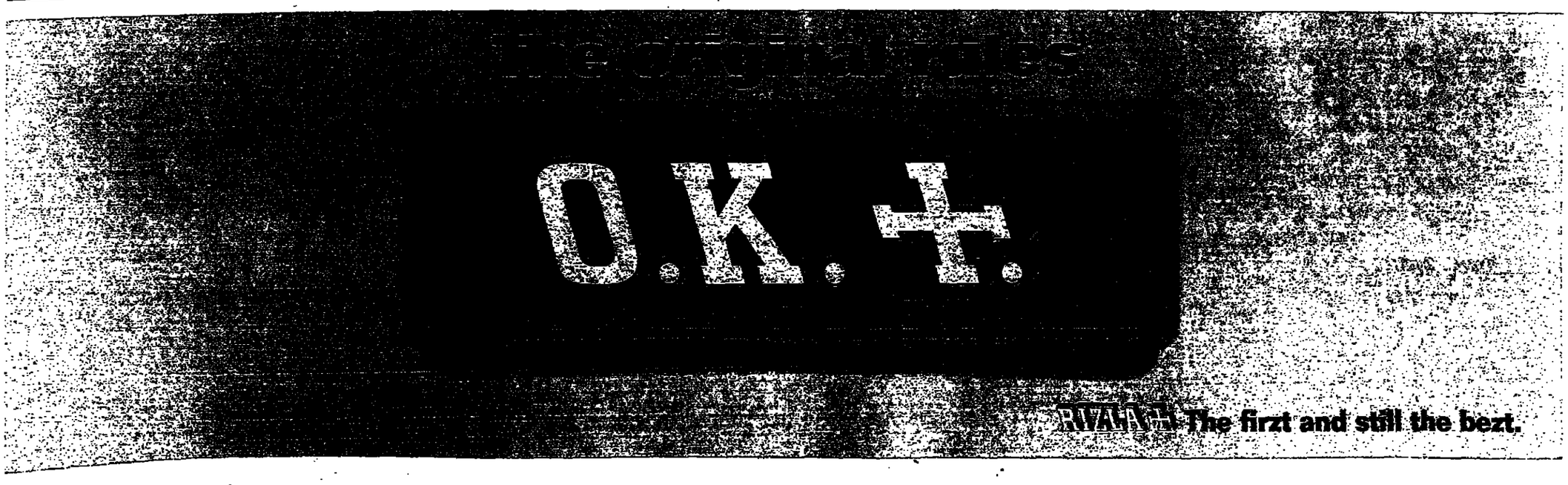
They then found Ryan Price, the former Stafford Rangers goalkeeper on loan from Birmingham City, in immovable form on Saturday, while, inspired by Tony Hemmings, their recent acquisition from Wycombe Wanderers, Macclesfield cracked in four goals, two apiece for Coates and Lyons. The Crewe match goes ahead on Wednesday, with a 3,000 all-ticket limit.

Woking won their seventh Conference match in succession in a frantic encounter against Slough, with Walker twice on the mark from the penalty spot. Their other scorer was Steele, who was later sent off. His second bookable offence, kicking the ball away, was made unpardonable by its disappearance out of Wexham Park.

There were three sendings-off at the International Stadium, where Gateshead were held 1-1 by Kettering Town. Trott, of Gateshead, and Pope, of Kettering, went in the sixtieth minute, and Wrightson, of Gateshead, followed in the eighteenth as a match that had promised much — with Ord cancelling out Alford's goal for the visitors in a furious opening — fizzled out.

Colin Richardson, the Gateshead manager, said: "The referee booked ten players when there wasn't a bad tackle in the match. We've worked hard to improve our disciplinary record, but now we feel butchered."

May put away two confidence-boosting tap-ins as Kidderminster saw off Runcorn to remain unbeaten at home. Hughes and Davies, taking his tally to 171 — one behind Mark Carter's Conference record — scored the other goals.



Young Hustler aims at Hennessy

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

YOUNG HUSTLER is to carry a 4lb penalty in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury on Saturday after his spell-binding performance in the Crowther Homes Becher Chase over the Grand National course at Aintree.

In defying 12 stone, the eight-year-old treated the famed obstacles with contempt with a round reminiscent of celebrated Aintree specialists.

Chris Maude, deputising for the injured Carl Llewellyn, made all the running and went clear after the last fence as Young Hustler gave 28lb to his nine opponents over three miles and three furlongs. Even at this early stage racegoers will struggle to see a better Grand National trial: Coral promoted Young Hustler to 14-1 favourite from 25-1, while Ladbrokes halved the chestnut's big-race odds to 20-1.

Two previous attempts at the National have left his trainer, Nigel Twiston-Davies, cursing the fates. Young Hustler was brought down at the thirteenth fence last year and unseated Llewellyn after hitting the third fence in April. Saturday's victory saw the horse achieve what connections fully expected of him on his earlier visits to Aintree.

Like the ultimate Aintree specialist, Red Rum, Young Hustler is by a sprinter in Import. That greatly concerned Peter Scudamore, the former champion jockey now assistant to the Twiston-Davies stable. "When I first rode the horse I was worried about him staying two miles," Scudamore said yesterday. "He then won seven races in a row and has never looked back."

Young Hustler, who must have good ground, is one of three possible Hennessy runners for Twiston-Davies. Earth Summit is unlikely to run unless the ground eases. Grange Brake completes the trio. Should each horse make the race, the stable expects to have three regular jockeys to ride them. In addition to Maude, Llewellyn plans a comeback from injury tomorrow, while Tom Jenks, Llewellyn's understudy, returns from suspension the following day.

Like Earth Summit, Jodami, allotted top weight of 11st 13lb, is unlikely to run on a fast surface. His trainer, Peter Beaumont, said yesterday: "I am keen to go to Newbury but there is a £15,000 race at Kelso two days later."

Beaumont is not confident of avenging Jodami's recent Ayr defeat by the Hennessy favourite, One Man. "We oppose on 4lb better terms but we cannot really expect to turn the tables," he said.

Connections of Couldnt Be Better, one of two Charlie Brooks-trained Hennessy candidates, are seeking a replacement for Adrian Maguire, injured in a three-horse pile-up at Ascot on Friday. Maguire is expected to be out of action for up to four weeks with a leg injury. His agent, Dave Roberts, said of the jockey: "He has cracked a bone just above his ankle and is likely to be off for between three and four weeks."

David Nicholson, who retains Maguire's services, plans to fill the breach by using Jenny Pitman's stable jockey, Warren Marston. To further complicate matters, Nicholson's conditional jockey, Richard Johnson, will be out for up to two weeks after chipping a bone in his shoulder after a fall at Towcester on Saturday.

Sound Man was presented with the First National Bank Gold Cup at Ascot when Morceli, his only threat, crashed out of the race five fences from the finish. However, Edward O'Grady, who trains Sound Man in Ireland, said Morceli's fall meant he didn't learn as much about his horse as he had hoped for.

"The King George VI Chase [over three miles] is uncharted territory so we won't make up our minds just yet. There's always the Castleford Chase over two miles at Wetherby," O'Grady said.


Sound Man jumps the last clear in the First National Bank Chase at Ascot on Saturday. Photograph: Ed Byrne

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: KADIRI
(2.50 Southwell)

Next best: Lady Silk
(1.50 Southwell)

Eloquent testimony does justice to Cartier awards

Sean Coughlan, whose first words betray his Irish origins, spent much of the summer amusing allcomers at the Curragh, Royal Ascot, Longchamp and Belmont Park.

We thought we had heard it all: of his days as a bus conductor, his life in the building trade, his racing silks mirroring the Papal colours and his ferrying "Holy Water" from Lourdes to New York, where his beloved Ridgewood Pearl was stabled prior to her Breeders' Cup Mile victory. Mr Coughlan was undoubtedly born to tell a tale.

Yet words initially escaped him when he received the Cartier Horse of the Year Award at the annual dinner in London last week. Words positively tripped off his tongue all season; now they served to trip him up. "I should have prepared something," Coughlan mumbled. "I thought Lammtarra was a certainty for the award so I never bothered."

He should be glad that he didn't. What followed was the most eloquent testimony to the joys of racehorse ownership. The golden rule for victory speeches — which, more often that not, are as dull as the water in Becher's Brook — is to keep them short and sweet. Coughlan, however, broke all the rules, as did Ridgewood Pearl in a stunning season of four group one successes in as many different countries. Coughlan could have doubled the ten-minute oratory and still left his audience wanting more.

For that, and many other reasons, it was uplifting to attend an awards dinner that is rapidly gaining in momentum. As with the many factions to make harmony in racing an elusive target, so it is with the plethora of awards distributed over the festive season. Cartier now hands out its awards when the Flat season's embers are still glowing. And a measure of their status is that Lammtarra's owner, Saeed Maktoum Al-Maktoum, was on hand to collect the award for his champion three-year-old colt.


JULIAN MUSCAT
Racing commentary

Furthermore, no other awards are decided on a tripartite voting system as diverse as Cartier's. It embraces the sentiments of the racing public, the horse's actual performance and its overall assessment by a panel of racing journalists. If there is a weakness, it exists, sad to relate, in the last category. Some journalists saw fit to challenge Ridgewood Pearl's status as Horse of the Year in the light of Lammtarra's achievements. Yet they had loudly heckled the decision to retire Lammtarra after just four starts.

Given that a regular racing itinerary is crucial in two of the three Cartier categories, Ridgewood's Pearl's triumph over Lammtarra was not surprising. If, as some have suggested, any snub was delivered, it came exclusively from the racing public, which even voted for Bahri's consistency ahead of the fleetingly-seen Lammtarra.

Racing should recognise the high premium placed by the public on the regular appearance of star performers. The message is clear: horses must be thoroughly tested if the public's interest is to be maintained. The Cartier awards are not allied exclusively to a racehorse's ability. In nine out of ten instances the most charismatic horse will be the best. Occasionally, however, that is not the case. The Cartier awards are all the better for acknowledging that fact.

FOLKESTONE

THUNDERER

1.00 Millmount
1.30 Pilgrim's Mission
2.00 Vicosa
2.30 Esprit De Femme
3.00 Vicar Of Bray
3.30 Hennetta Howard

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.00 IFFEEE.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 Flamewood. 3.30 HENRIETTA HOWARD (nap).

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 . . . B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: FIRM SIS

1.00 BREDE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,343: 2m 6f 110yd) (7 runners)

1 366333 SCRIPT 7 (F) (R Ellis) J Jenkins 4-11-4 . . . C Rae (3) 97
2 00P-U HI HEDLEY 30 (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 5-10-12 . . . K Gaule —
3 P/0-0 MANSFIELD HOUSE 129 (B) (Mrs R Upson) P Upson 10-10-12 . . . M Clinton (3) —
4 ROLLING WATERS 51F (B) (Mrs H Pun) P Eccles 5-10-12 . . . Chris Webb —
5 0/PP SILENT SOVEREIGN 7 (B) (D Morris) P Clarke 6-10-12 . . . B Fenton —
6 30P52P- CELTIC LILLEY 207 (Miss J Reed) R Hoad 5-10-7 . . . G Tormey 77
7 0/2235-2 MILLMOUNT 25 (B) (Eastridge Racing) T McGovern 5-10-7 . . . G Hogan 99

BETTING: 4-5 Millmount, 2-1 Script, 8-1 Rolling Waters, Celtic Lilley, 12-1 Hi Hedley, 16-1 Mansfield House, 20-1 Silent Sovereign.

1994: DESMOND GOLD 6-10-12 D Bridgwater (10-11 fav) Mrs D Hone 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

SCRIPT 8½l 3rd of 8 to Tight Fist in novice hurdle at Plumpton (2m 1f, good to firm) with SILENT SOVEREIGN pulled up. HI HEDLEY best effort last term 50l 14th of 25 to Red Blazer in National Hunt Flat race at Ascot (2m 110yd, heavy). ROLLING WATERS best recent flat form 17l 5th of 12 to Barn-Dou in handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 7f). CELTIC LILLEY 15l 2nd of 3 to Holy Sting in novice hurdle at Lingfield (2m 7f, heavy). MILLMOUNT 1½l 2nd of 8 to Goldenswift in maiden hurdle at Stratford (2m 6f 110yd, good).
Selection: MILLMOUNT

1.30 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(Qualifier: £2,301: 2m 1f 110yd) (8 runners)

1 121 TIM 10 (F) (P Piper) J Jenkins 5-11-5 . . . G Bradley 99
2 05P- ENVOPAKLEADA 231 (F Arthur) D Grissell 5-11-0 . . . Peter Hobbs —
3 0/65P5- GREY FINCH 326 (Economic Security) O Sherwood 6-11-0 . . . J Osborne 88
4 MCGARRETTFIVEO (Mrs D Haine) Mrs D Haine 5-11-0 . . . G Hogan (3) —
5 5- PILGRIM'S MISSION 303 (J Kinnear) G Balding 5-11-0 . . . B Clifford —
6 30- THE NED 191 (M Perkins) B Smart 4-11-0 . . . M Molloy (7) —
7 00 GAME DILEMMA 116 (I McGready) J Mullins 4-10-9 . . . S Curran (3) —
8 IMOLA (J Fenwick) Mrs D Haine 6-10-9 . . . J F Titley —

BETTING: 4-5 Tim, 7-2 Grey Finch, 7-1 Pilgrim's Mission, 8-1 The Ned, 14-1 McGarrettfiveo, Imola, 25-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

TIM beat General Jackie 10l in 3-runner novice hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, good to firm). ENVOPAKLEADA 50l 5th of 9 to Shoofk in novice hurdle at Folkstone (2m 1f 110yd, heavy). GREY FINCH best recent effort 18l 5th of 11 to Smart In Sable in novice hurdle at Taunton (2m 1f, good). PILGRIM'S MISSION 13¾l 5th of 13 to Wickey Wonder in National Hunt flat race at Kempton (2m, heavy). THE NED 5½l 3rd of 11 to Jameswick in National Hunt Flat race over course and distance (firm) on penultimate start. GAME DILEMMA 26l 8th of 14 to Barbary Falcon in National Hunt Flat race at Worcester (2m, good to firm).
Selection: THE NED

2.00 DAILY MAIL NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,770: 2m) (7 runners)

1 400-542 VICOSA 12 (BF,S) (Diamond Racing Ltd) R Alner 6-12-0 . . . P Carey (7) 99
2 421P51 DAYS OF THUNDER 10 (F,G) (Mrs J Meredith) J White 7-11-5 . . . J F Titley 93
3 33-6P06 UPWARD SURGE 7 (D,F) (R Ledger) R Ledger 5-10-9 . . . Mrs N Ledger 85
4 P4-0054 DESERT CHALLENGER 5 (B) (Andrews Freight) J Jenkins 5-10-7 . . . J Osborne —
5 4P3-2P0 QUEENS CONTRACTOR 33 (V) (Laurie Butlers & Pins) S Mellor 5-10-0 Chris Webb (5) —
6 83000-3 OUR NIKKI 16 (P Rodford) P Rodford 5-10-0 . . . S Burrough 82
7 8/04/4 DANTE'S DELIGHT 9 (P Jones) P Jones 7-10-0 . . . D Leahy —

Long handicap: Queens Contractor 9-12, Our Nikki 9-12, Dante's Delight 8-10

BETTING: 6-4 Vicosa, 7-2 Days Of Thunder, 4-1 Our Nikki, 7-1 Queens Contractor, 10-1 Upward Surge, 12-1 Desert Challenger, 20-1 Dante's Delight.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

VICOSA neck 2nd of 3 to Ramstar in conditions handicap chase at Newbury (2m 1f, good to firm). DAYS OF THUNDER beat Durshan 4l in 7-runner Huntingdon National Hunt Flat race (2m 110yd good to firm). DESERT CHALLENGER 1¾l 4th of 9 to Can Can Charlie in Kempton novice hurdle (2m, good). QUEENS CONTRACTOR best recent effort 3l 2nd of 5 to Missed The Boat in novice handicap hurdle at Stratford (2m 3f, good to firm). OUR NIKKI 21l 3rd of 5 to Gospel at Wincanton in Wincanton novice chase (2m, good to firm).
Selection: VICOSA

2.30 BRIDGE HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,856: 2m 6f 110yd) (9 runners)

1 613-030 ESPRIT DE FEMME 19 (D,F) (Mrs L Browning) D Browning 9-11-13 Peter Hobbs 91
2 443-121- FLAMEWOOD 342 (G,S) (Mrs S Thomson Jones) Mrs D Haine 6-11-12 J F Titley 90
3 3-53344 DAWN FLIGHT 3 (B,F) (Mrs Carol Davis) J Jenkins 6-11-3 . . . J Osborne 92
4 21013P- WOODLANDS BOY 231 (D,F,S) (C Moore) R Hoad 7-11-2 . . . G Bradley 90
5 0630P-3 PETTAUGH 47 (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 7-10-8 . . . K Gaule (3) 99
6 23/2323- WILTOSKI 186 (B,F,G) (R Ledger) R Ledger 7-10-7 . . . Mrs N Ledger 96
7 1413-53 BAYLORD PRINCE 21 (D,C,F,S) (Mrs J Ewer) Miss J Ewer 7-10-5 Sophie Mitchell (5) 93
8 53P40/-0 LEESWOOD 34 (V,F,S) (GHS Bailey NCD Hall and D Murray) R Lee 7-10-5 T Eley —
9 58135-2 DUNLIR 21 (F) (B Brereton) P Rodford 5-10-0 . . . S Burrough 88

Long handicap: Dunlir 9-11.

BETTING: 2-1 Flamewood, 3-1 Dawn Flight, 9-2 Esprit De Femme, 11-2 Pettaugh, 7-1 Wiltoski, 8-1 Woodlands Boy, 12-1 others.

1994: INTERPLAY 9-10-6 D O'Sullivan (9-2) R O'Sullivan 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

ESPRIT DE FEMME 11l 3rd of 5 to Bures in handicap hurdle at Fontwell (2m 2f, good) on penultimate start. FLAMEWOOD beat Thibbaan 3l in 6-runner novice handicap hurdle at Southwell (2m 4f 110yd, soft). DAWN FLIGHT 22½l 4th of 6 to Lively Knight in conditions novice hurdle at Ascot (2m 4f, good). WOODLANDS BOY best effort last term beat Catchapenny 2l in 14-runner handicap chase at Fontwell (3m 2f 110yd, soft). PETTAUGH neck and 8l 3rd of 7 to Secret Bid in novice handicap hurdle at Towcester (3m, good to firm). WILTOSKI 6½l 3rd of 8 to Cats Run in handicap hurdle at Towcester (2m 5f, good to firm). DUNLIR 2½l 2nd of 4 to Call Me Albi in handicap hurdle at Plumpton (3m 4f, good to firm) with BAYLORD PRINCE (1lb worse off) 20l 3rd.
Selection: PETTAUGH

3.00 DAILY MAIL HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,548: 3m 2f) (7 runners)

1 6R-3111 IFFEEE 13 (F,S) (T Morris) P Bowen 8-12-6 . . . B Powell 99
2 3R5421 JIMMY O'DEA 7 (V,F) (J Harlow) T Bill 8-11-13 (4ex) . . . G Hogan (3) 92
3 112PU3 VICAR OF BRAY 11 (CD,F,G) (The Cleric Partnership) G Balding 8-11-4 B Clifford 95
4 221 COLUMCILLE 26 (D,F,G) (R Alner) R Alner 9-11-2 . . . Mr P Henley (5) 85
5 P5-6133 GREEN WALK 8 (F) (C Cornwell) R Rowe 8-11-0 . . . D O'Sullivan 93
6 3221-53 HANDSOME NED 7 (B,F,G,S) (M Bridges) D Grissell 9-10-10 . . . Peter Hobbs 96
7 P/0335-6 BRORA ROSE 20 (B,S) (S Walburn) P Rodford 7-10-0 . . . S Burrough 90

Long handicap: Brora Rose 9-6

BETTING: 11-4 Columcille, 3-1 Vicar Of Bray, 7-2 Jimmy O'Dea, 4-1 Iffeee, 8-1 Green Walk, 12-1 Handsome Ned, 20-1 Brora Rose.

1994: VICAR OF BRAY 7-10-0 A Maguire (5-1) G Balding 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

IFFEEE beat Russian Castle 3l in handicap chase at Sedgefield (3m 3f, good to firm). JIMMY O'DEA beat Change The Reign 1¾l in 3 runner handicap chase at Leicester (3m, firm). VICAR OF BRAY 32l 3rd of 4 to Over The Stream in handicap chase at Towcester (3m 1f, firm). COLUMCILLE beat Fettuccine 1l in 6-runner novice chase at Fontwell (3m 2f 110yd, good). GREEN WALK best recent effort beat Tagmoun Chaflour 10l in 6-runner selling handicap chase at Plumpton (3m 1f 110yd, good to firm). HANDSOME NED 18l 3rd of 6 to Cyrill Henry in handicap chase at Plumpton (3m, good to firm).
Selection: GREEN WALK (nap)

3.30 BIGGIN HILL MARES ONLY INTERMEDIATE OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(£1,140: 2m 1f 110yd) (6 runners)

1 1 SUPREME KELLYCARRA 20 (F) (Littlejohn Tyres Ltd) J Cullen 4-11-7 L Aspell (7) —
2 0 CHINA ROSE 31 (Mrs T Martin) S Woodman 4-11-0 . . . D Gallagher —
3 GOLDEN AFFAIR (J Symes) P Rodford 4-11-0 . . . S Burrough —
4 2- HENRIETTA HOWARD 191 (Mrs S Thomson Jones) Mrs D Haine 5-11-0 J F Titley —
5 02 MAENAD 16 (Exors of Mrs C Robinson) D French Davis 4-11-0 . A Procter (3) —
6 ROWAN HEIGHTS (Sir Christopher Wates) J Gifford 4-11-0 . . . P Hide —

BETTING: 7-4 Supreme Kellycarra, 2-1 Henrietta Howard, 4-1 Maenad, 6-1 Rowan Heights, 14-1 China Rose, 25-1 Golden Affair.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

SUPREME KELLYCARRA beat Comedy Hour 4l in 15-runner National Hunt Flat race at Exeter (2m 1f 110yd, good to firm). HENRIETTA HOWARD 1¾l 2nd of 20 to Coole Hill in National Hunt Flat race at Worcester (2m, good). MAENAD 2l 2nd of 10 to Knightsbridge Scot in Wincanton National Hunt Flat race (2m, good to firm). Previously 55l 15th of 24 to Andanito in Newbury National Hunt Flat race (2m 110yd, good) with CHINA ROSE 12l 17th.
Selection: HENRIETTA HOWARD

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
J Gifford	13	62	21.0	J Osborne	7	45	15.6
R Rowe	9	47	19.1	P Hide	4	26	15.4
Mrs D Haine	3	18	16.7	B Powell	4	32	12.5
D Grissell	7	51	13.7	Peter Hobbs	4	40	10.0
Only qualifiers				Only qualifiers			

British challengers denied

LATIN REIGN, trained by Peter Chapple-Hyam, was beaten a nose by the local hope, Brave Indigo, in the group two Premio Guido Berardelli over nine furlongs in Rome yesterday. Giuseppe Botti, the winning trainer, completed a group race double with Beat Of Drums, who pulled four lengths clear of Luca Cumani's Baaderah in the Premio Umbria over six furlongs. The John Dunlop-trained mare, Lavinia Fontana, could manage only sixth.

Taufan's Melody failed in his quest to record a third successive win in listed races in the French provinces, but Lady Herries's runner was far from disgraced after going down by a length and a head to Perche No and Kassani in the Grand Prix de Bordeaux.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Aintree
12.30 1, Linden's Lotto (4-6 fav); 2, Lake Of Loughrea (6-1). 3 ran. NR: General Command.
1.00 1, Bimsey (7-2); 2, Thornton Gate (8-1); 3, Windward Ariom (7-1). Keep Your Distance 2-1 fav. 9 ran.
1.35 1, Young Hustler (3-1 fav, Thunderer's nap); 2, Sir Peter Lely (12-1); 3, Over The Stream (10-1). 10 ran.
2.10 1, Simply Dashing (6-4 fav); 2, Highland Park (5-2); 3, Bayariyka (100-30). 4 ran.
2.50 1, Go Universal (15-8 jt-fav); 2, Houghton (15-2); 3, Dark Oak (3-1). Wind Force 15-8 jt-fav (f). 4 ran.
3.20 1, Guinda (2-1); 2, Scilly Cay (8-15 fav); 3, Clever Boy (16-1). 3 ran. NR: Tara Rambler.

Ascot
12.45 1, Paddy's Return (6-1); 2, Danjing (7-1); 3, Ocean Hawk (20-1). Zabadi 9-4 fav. 13 ran. NR: Birthday Boy.
1.20 1, Run Up The Flag (10-11 fav, Richard Evans's nap); 2, Auto Pilot (4-1); 3, Gamson Savannah (14-1). 6 ran. NR: Ghia Gneuiagh.
1.55 1, Sound Man (4-5 fav); 2, Dancing Paddy (6-1); 3, Postage Stamp (25-1). 5 ran.
2.30 1, Strong Promise (5-1, Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Well Arranged (14-1); 3, Blaze Away (4-1). Keep It Zipped 15-8 fav. 10 ran.
3.05 1, Cumbrian Challenge (8-11 fav); 2, Simply George (7-1); 3, Cherrynut (13-8). 3 ran. NR: Tothewoods.
3.40 1, Idiot's Lady (2-1); 2, Sherill (11-8 fav); 3, Lien De Famille (15-8). 3 ran. NR: Fortunes Wood.
Jackpot: £667.90

Catterick Bridge
12.40 1, Marsden Rock (9-2); 2, Forever Silver (10-1); 3, Peep O Day (7-2). Delgarth Lady 15-8 fav. 10 ran. NR: Staggering.
1.10 1, Mr Moriarty (9-2); 2, Cadeaux Premiere (3-1); 3, Wild Rose Of York (7-4 fav). 8 ran.
1.45 1, Salman (4-1); 2, Shahgram (7-4 fav); 3, Highland Poacher (4-1). 6 ran.
2.20 1, Hee's A Dancer (5-2 fav); 2, On A Pedestal (5-1); 3, Highbank (11-2). 20 ran.
2.55 1, The Toaster (10-11 fav); 2, Crafty Chaplain (7-2); 3, Flash Of Realm (5-2). 4 ran. NR: Chichell's Hurst.
3.25 1, Rich Desire (4-7 fav); 2, New Charges (15-2); 3, Troodos (3-1). 5 ran. NR: D'Arblay Street.

Nottingham
12.35 1, Borrismore Flash (7-2 fav); 2, Crazy Horse Dancer (6-1); 3, Mardood (11-1). 13 ran.
1.05 1, Flying Instructor (2-1 fav); 2, Ice Cold In Alex (3-1); 3, Reluckino (12-1). 8 ran.
1.40 1, Judicial Field (13-8 fav); 2, Glentinn Princess (2-1); 3, Oh So Handy (100-30). 4 ran.
2.15 1, Never So Blue (100-30); 2, Pair Of Jacks (2-1 jt-fav); 3, Mhemeantes (5-1). Lucy Tufty 2-1 jt-fav (f). 4 ran.
2.45 1, Danzig Island (7-4 fav); 2, Baymatic (2-1); 3, Needwood Joker (20-1). 9 ran.
3.15 1, Persian Tactics (11-10 fav); 2, Nobiely (6-4); 3, Golden Olive (5-1). 4 ran.
3.30 1, Rodeo Star walked over.

Towcester
12.55 1, Tamandu (16-1); 2, Barryben (12-1); 3, Eulogy (11-2). Benchfield Flyer 9-2 fav. 15 ran.
1.30 1, Suffolk Road (13-2); 2, Elegant King (11-10 fav); 3, Doc Cottrill (5-1). 5 ran.
2.00 1, Cailin Glas (7-2); 2, Ryan Giggs (8-1); 3, Dodgem (25-1). Ah There You Are 5-2 fav. 14 ran. NR: Luke Warm. Rule 4 applies to all bets, deduct 10p in pound.
2.35 1, Nicklup (2-1); 2, Urban Cowboy (7-4 fav); 3, Derring Valley (9-1). 4 ran. NR: Boll Weevil, Mr Invader, Really A Rascal.
3.10 1, Nupdown Boy (4-1); 2, Tirley Missile (5-1); 3, Professor Page (5-4 fav). 6 ran. NR: Brogeen Lady.
3.45 1, Celibate (4-1); 2, Meanus Miller (11-4); 3, Nordansk (9-4 fav). 8 ran. NR: General Tonic.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Folkestone: 1.00 Rolling Waters. 2.00 Queens Contractor. 2.30 Leeswood. Southwell: 12.55 Fallal. 3.20 Farmer's Tern, Jemima Puddleduck.

CATTERICK

THUNDERER

12.40 Bold Amusement. 1.10 Corston Rambo. 1.40 Catwalker. 2.10 Sonny-P. 2.40 MASTER OF THE ROCK (nap). 3.10 Hurricane Blake. 3.40 Direct Route.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.10 The Minister.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) SIS

12.40 HALIFAX NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,736: 2m) (21 runners)

1 13 NOMOS 18 (BF,F) G Moore 4-11-7 . . . J Callaghan 80
2 00 ARCTICTALDI 573 Mrs A Swinbank 5-11-0 . . . Mr C Wilson —
3 BOLD AMUSEMENT 17F W Cunningham 5-11-0 . . . D Bentley —
4 FRYUP SATELLITE 178F Mrs J Brown 4-11-0 . . . E Callaghan (7) —
5 0-0 HAUGHTON LAD 9 J Parkes 6-11-0 . . . R McCarthy (7) —
6 403- LESLEY'S ANGEL 198 J Norton 4-11-0 . . . W Fry 99
7 -133 M-I-FIVE 26 (F,G) R Thompson 4-11-0 . . . R Garritty —
8 0 MY HANDY MAN 11 R Allan 4-11-0 . . . B Storey —
9 PARISH WALK 122F K Hogg 4-11-0 . . . S Wynne —
10 40 PASSION SUNDAY 11 L Lloyd-James 4-11-0 . . . P Carberry 87
11 0 PERSONIMUS 16 J Walton 5-11-0 . . . R Guest —
12 05-0 SENSO 18 J Kavanagh 4-11-0 . . . M Dwyer 70
13 2- SHYNON 336 W Barker 5-11-0 . . . N Bentley 80
14 3-3 STAR RAGE 12 J L Harris 5-11-0 . . . A S Smith 93
15 P-0 VALIANT MAN 7 Miss J Bower 4-11-0 . . . M Brennan —
16 0.P- WHATDIDYOUSAY 244 B Bousfield 7-11-0 . . . G Lee (3) —
17 3-0 ANOTHER CHAPTER 30 H Johnson 5-10-9 . . . R Dunwoody 81
18 0- APOLLO'S DAUGHTER 406 J Goulding 7-10-9 . . . J Supple (3) —
19 P0- CHANTRY BELLCII 18F Mrs S Austin 6-10-9 . . . D Wilkinson —
20 -30 KILNAMARTYRA GIRL 9 J Parkes 5-10-9 . . . A Dobbin 64
21 0056 LYRIC LADY 212F F Murtagh 7-10-9 . . . A Roche (3) —

3-1 Star Rage, 9-2 Nomos, 5-1 Another Chapter, 6-1 Lesley's Angel, 7-1 others.

1.10 WAKEFIELD MAIDEN CHASE
(£2,627: 3m 1f 110yd) (13)

1 -232 ANDROS GALE 25 (B) H Johnson 6-11-2 . . . P Carberry —
2 06-U BUSY BOY 13 D Lamb 8-11-2 . . . A Manners (7) 96
3 P3-0 CORSTON RAMBO 10 L Lungo 8-11-2 . . . T Reed 99
4 -P DEEP CALL 16 W Cunningham 9-11-2 . . . N Smith —
5 P00- DESPERATE DAYS 201 F Kirby 6-11-2 . . . R Supple —
6 506- DROMIN FOX 225P S Robinson 9-11-2 . . . Mr C Wilson —
7 0-3 FINAL BEAT 18 J Curtis 6-11-2 . . . L O'Hara 92
8 5FP- GERRYMANDER 250 M Hammond 9-11-2 . . . B Storey —
9 0 LONE VENTURE 10 Mrs S Smith 8-11-2 . . . R Guest —
10 P55- MISTER HOCHBERG 219 (F,S) Mrs V Ward 9-11-2 A Thornton 91
11 P3P6 RIVER BEE 11 W Reed 6-11-2 . . . A Dobbin 90
12 4-42 RUSSIAN CASTLE 13 J Wade 6-11-2 . . . K Jones 93
13 -522 EMRAL MISS 16 C Popham 7-10-11 . . . R Dunwoody 93

11-4 Andros Gale, 3-1 Emral Miss, 4-1 Corston Rambo, 7-1 Russian Castle, 10-1 Gerrymander, 12-1 Final Beat, 20-1 Deep Call, 25-1 others.

1.40 BRADFORD SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,042: 2m) (8)

1 3003 CATWALKER 11 (B) E O'Grady (Ire) 4-12-0 . . . R Dunwoody —
2 4231 CANDID LAD 25 (F) F Storey 8-11-5 . . . B Storey 99
3 00P- SILVERDALE FOX 56F K Hogg 8-11-1 . . . S Wynne —
4 452 HIGH FLOWN 7 (BF) R Thompson 3-10-12 . . . W Fry 94
5 P0-0 KING OF SHOW 11 R Allan 4-10-10 . . . S Melrose (7) 87
6 PP/ LUGER 559 W Cunningham 7-10-3 . . . N Smith —
7 P00- KITTOCHSIDE LAD 221 Mrs S Austin 5-10-0 . . . D Wilkinson 90
8 P4FP MERRYHILL MADAM 9 P Bradley 6-10-0 . . . A Thornton 98

11-10 Catwalker, 9-4 Candid Lad, 7-2 High Flown, 8-1 King Of Show, 9-1 others.

2.10 W L AND HECTOR CHRISTIE MEMORIAL TROPHY NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,445: 2m) (6)

1 2-65 MUST BE MAGICAL 16 (F,S) P Bradley 7-11-10 B Harding (3) —
2 /21 ALLIMAC NOMIS 11 (F,G) M Hammond 6-11-7 Mr C Bonner (3) 92
3 2-25 NAIDAD 11 (F,G) D McCain 9-10-13 . . . D McCain 99
4 P-1U THE MINISTER 6 (F) B Champion 6-10-10 . . . A Dobbin 96
5 -324 SONNY-P 17 (BF) P Beaumont 7-10-2 . . . R Supple 92
6 5-55 QUARTZ HILL 17 D Lamb 6-10-0 . . . A Manners (7) 81

6-4 The Minister, 2-1 Allimac Nomis, 6-1 Must Be Magical, Nadiad, 10-1 others.

2.40 LEEDS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,108: 3m 1f 110yd) (4)

1 5F-P AMBLESIDE HARVEST 10 (G,S) J J O'Neill 8-12-0 A Roche (3) —
2 434- KENILWORTH LAD 268 (F,S) W Cunningham 7-11-6 T Becton (7) —
3 12U1 MASTER OF THE ROCK 9 (V,F,S) J Mackie 6-11-0 E Husband (5) 99
4 -544 EXEMPLAR 5 (F) Mrs S Smith 7-10-6 . . . R Guest 92

6-4 Master Of The Rock, 2-1 Kenilworth Lad, 7-2 Ambleside Harvest, Exemplar.

3.10 NOVEMBER HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,794: 3m 1f 110yd) (7)

1 16-4 TWIN STATES 44 (F,G,S) J Turner 6-12-0 . . . W Fry 87
2 -41F STOP THE WALLER 8 (G,S) M Barnes 6-11-13 . . . A Dobbin 99
3 -812 HURRICANE BLAKE 10 (B,F,G) C Popham 7-11-5 R Dunwoody 96
4 635- WESTWELL BOY 212 (G) P Beaumont 9-10-11 . . . R Supple 94
5 4P1- JENDEE 329 (S) J Hellens 7-10-10 . . . A Thornton 96
6 -P4P TIBER MELODY 18 (B,D,G) W Bethell 12-10-6 . . . A S Smith 90
7 3F3F PERUVIAN GALE 40 (BF,F) Mrs S Smith 6-10-5 . . . R Guest 97

7-4 Hurricane Blake, 9-4 Stop The Waller, 9-2 Westwell Boy, Jendee, 8-1 others.

3.40 HUDDERSFIELD STANDARD NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(£1,151: 2m) (6)

1 1-1 DIRECT ROUTE 45 (F) J Johnson 4-11-13 . . . Mr C Bonner (3) —
2 00-4 BLOND MOSS 45 J Hellens 5-11-3 . . . S Taylor (7) —
3 00-2 LEGAL LORD 13 M Hammond 5-11-3 . . . Mr J Davies (7) —
4 LITTLE NICKERS J Edwards 5-11-3 . . . Mr M Daly (7) —
5 02 ONE MORE BILL 25 J Wade 5-11-3 . . . D Ryan (7) —
6 5- SILVERDALE LAD 250 K Hogg 4-11-3 . . . B Grattan (7) —

7-4 Direct Route, Little Nickers, 9-2 Legal Lord, Silverdale Lad, 7-1 others.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER

12.30 Saltando. 12.55 Another Batchworth. 1.20 Ballymoney. 1.50 Matisse. 2.20 Roman Gold. 2.50 La Brief. 3.20 Cast The Line. 3.50 Bold Gem.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

12.30 CHAD LIMITED STAKES
(Div I: £2,187: 1m) (16 runners)

101 0440 LOVE LEGEND 7 (C,F,G,S) D Arbuthnot 10-9-3 S Whitworth 12
102 0350 LADY HIGHFIELD 6 (F) M Ryan 4-9-1 . . . A Clark 7
103 0004 BRIGHT PARAGON 158 (F,G,S) M Chapman 6-9-0 C Munday (7) 13
104 1560 EASTLEIGH 7 (C,D,G,S) R Hollinshead 6-9-0 . . . T Ives 2
105 0060 LANGTONIAN 4 (V,CD,G) J Eyre 6-9-0 . . . Emma O'Gorman 10
106 0000 PEACEFULL REPLY 21 (F) F Lee 5-9-0 . . . A McGlone 14
107 -006 RIPSNORTER 77 (CD,G,S) K Bishop 6-9-0 . . . R Price 6
108 3000 SALTANDO 14 P Mitchell 4-9-0 . . . R Cochrane 4
109 4254 DR CALIGARI 7 (V) J Berry 3-8-12 . . . G Carter 1
110 3604 THWAAB 21 F Watson 3-8-12 . . . L Charnock 11
111 0-41 DONIA 289 (G) J L Harris 6-8-9 . . . S Sanders 9
112 5/6 MARJAN 28 T Caldwell 4-8-9 . . . A Culhane 8
113 0000 DANCING DESTINY 20 R Bastiman 3-8-7 . . . D McKeown 16
114 4000 MISS JEMMIMA 24 Lord Huntingdon 3-8-7 . . . D Harrison 5
115 4006 PACIFIC GIRL 10 B Palling 3-8-7 . . . R Perham 3
116 6530 PERSIAN FLOWER 10 G Bravery 3-8-7 . . . N Carlisle 15

5-1 Donia, 8-1 Miss Jemmima, Dr Caligari, Thwaab, 10-1 Love Legend, Ripsnorter, Pacific Girl, 12-1 others.

12.55 TOGO FILLIES HANDICAP
(Div I: £2,187: 6f) (16)

201 5050 MY GALLERY 7 (G,S) A Bailey 4-9-11 . . . A Mackay 3
202 0510 ANOTHER BATCHWORTH 10 (D,G) S Mellor 3-9-10 R Perham 6
203 3500 LORELEI LEE 57 (BF,G,S) John Berry 3-9-9 . . . G Faulkner (7) 9
204 3003 PEGGY SPENCER 23 C Thornton 3-9-5 . . . D McKeown 10
205 0011 LEADING PRINCESS 21 (B,D,F) Ms L Perratt 4-9-2 P Fessey (5) 5
206 4500 WE'RE JOKEN 23 (D,G,S) J Berry 3-9-2 . . . C Lowther (7) 4
207 1050 SECRET MISS 7 (S) A Jarvis 3-9-1 . . . J Tate 12
208 5340 HELLO HOBSON'S 37 (D,F,G) R Bastiman 5-9-1 H Bastiman (5) 8
209 3236 KIRA 21 J Eyre 5-9-1 . . . R Lappin 16
210 0401 ANYTIME BABY 10 (G) P Dalton 3-9-0 . . . R Cochrane 13
211 4640 FIERY FOOTSTEPS 69 S Campion 3-8-10 . . . B Carter 11
212 0000 ROTHERFIELD PARK 49 (G) C Smith 3-8-7 . . . N Varley (3) 7
213 0060 DOUBLE GLOW 77 (C,F,G) N Bycroft 3-8-4 . . . J Quinn 1
214 5605 FALLAL 12 (B) N Macauley 3-8-4 . . . G Duffield 14
215 0605 NAME THAT TUNE 110 C Hill 3-8-4 . . . A Whelan (5) 15
216 6600 FIABA 28 (C,G) Mrs N Macauley 7-8-2 . . . Amanda Sanders (7) 2

7-2 Leading Princess, 6-1 Another Batchworth, 7-1 Peggy Spencer, 8-1 Anytime Baby, 10-1 My Gallery, Kira, 12-1 others.

1.20 MOZAMBIQUE MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,631: 6f) (16)

301 05 AGENT 60 J Eyre 9-0 . . . K Fallon 15
302 6 ALPHETON PRINCE 189 J L Harris 9-0 . . . S Sanders 14
303 6 BALLYMONEY 24 W O'Gorman 9-0 . . . Emma O'Gorman 7
304 264 KINGS HARMONY 14 P Makin 9-0 . . . R Cochrane 1
305 LOCH STYLE R Hollinshead 9-0 . . . T Ives 3
306 30 OBERON'S DART 28 (BF) J Dunlop 9-0 . . . G Carter 13
307 SILENT SYSTEM J Fitzgerald 9-0 . . . J Quinn 8
308 5200 SNITCH 17 (V) C Smith 9-0 . . . N Carlisle 10
309 0 TABATAY 14 M Camacho 9-0 . . . S Morris 5
310 0 YOUNG FREDERICK 35 I Burke 9-0 . . . J Tate 6
311 DICENTRA E Weymes 8-9 . . . G Hind 11
312 40 GOTLA BIRD 53 M Johnston 8-9 . . . D McKeown 2
313 KINGDOM PRINCESS M Camacho 8-9 . . . L Charnock 16
314 MY WEST END GIRL A Streeter 8-9 . . . S D Williams 12
315 0 NAPIER STAR 62 Mrs N Macauley 8-9 Amanda Sanders (7) 4
316 00 SHARP 'N' SHADY 17 C Wall 8-9 . . . W Lord 9

4-1 Oberon's Dart, 5-1 Kings Harmony, 6-1 Agent, 8-1 Ballymoney, 10-1 Sharp 'n' Shady, Gotla Bird, 12-1 Kingdom Princess, 14-1 others.

1.50 CHAD LIMITED STAKES
(Div II: £2,187: 1m) (16)

401 0316 CICERONE 7 (CD,F,G,S) J L Harris 5-9-0 . . . S Sanders 7
402 0500 DOODIES POOL 6 (B,D,G) P Burgoyne 5-9-0 D R McCabe (3) 9
403 0464 LUCKY TUCKY 14 (D,G) J Jenkins 4-9-0 . . . A McGlone 3
404 0020 MY GODSON 54 (B,F,S) F O'Mahony 5-9-0 . . . J Stack (3) 4
405 6550 PANTHER 23 (G,S) J Hetherton 5-9-0 . . . D McKeown 14
406 -050 GYMCRAK HERO 48 G Holmes 3-8-12 . . . K Fallon 2
407 2U04 NORTHERN GREY 12 J Berry 3-8-12 . . . P Roberts (7) 1
408 0000 PERCY PARROTT 7 R Whitaker 3-8-12 . . . A Culhane 5
409 5000 RIVER WYE 7 J Carr 3-8-12 . . . S Morris 8
410 1000 JALMAID 23 (G) B McMahon 3-8-10 . . . G Carter 11
411 0003 LADY SILK 14 (C,G,S) Miss J Craze 4-8-9 . . . S Webster 12
412 2363 MATISSE 21 J Bethell 4-8-9 . . . A Whelan (5) 15
413 8000 SWEET ALLEGIANCE 32 J Poulton 5-8-9 . . . G Duffield 13
414 0080 LADY NASH 49 C Brittain 3-8-7 . . . J Quinn 16
415 -030 LILAC RAIN 96 J Arnold 3-8-7 . . . C Rutter 6
416 3000 MAZILLA 7 (CD,G) A Streeter 3-8-7 . . . L Newton (5) 10

5-1 Lucky Tucky, 6-1 Northern Grey, Lady Silk, 8-1 Matisse, 10-1 Sweet Allegiance, Cicerone, 12-1 Panther, 14-1 others.

2.20 IAN LOFTUS PRINTING NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £5,151: 1m) (9)

501 4521 DOUBLE DIAMOND 4 (C,G) M Johnston 9-13 (6ex) D McKeown 8
502 0101 QUALITY 10 (V,D,F,G) W O'Gorman 9-3 . . . Emma O'Gorman 5
503 4321 ROMAN GOLD 12 (D,G) R Hannon 9-1 . . . R Perham 7
504 6002 ALZOTIC 14 S Norton 8-9 . . . K Fallon 2
505 304 LOS ALAMOS 18 C Thornton 8-5 . . . G Duffield 4
506 0305 BOUNDARY BIRD 54 M Johnston 8-2 . . . J Fanning 1
507 0430 SIX CLERKS 46 J Fitzgerald 8-2 . . . J Quinn 6
508 6000 INFLUENCE PEDLER 20 C Brittain 7-7 . . . G Bardwell 3
509 0000 SEEKING DESTINY 33 M Chapman 7-7 . . . N Varley (3) 9

2-1 Double Diamond, 11-4 Quality, 3-1 Roman Gold, 5-1 Alzotic, 12-1 Los Alamos, 14-1 Boundary Bird, 16-1 others.

2.50 KIM FEARS 39TH BIRTHDAY AGAIN HANDICAP
(£3,775: 2m) (13)

601 1002 PHARLY DANCER 23 (C,G) W Haigh 6-10-0 . . . Dale Gibson 6
602 2452 PARADISE NAVY 16 (G) C Egerton 6-9-6 . . . R Hughes 1
603 3102 CUANGO 9 (F,G,S) R Hollinshead 4-8-13 . . . K Fallon 8
604 4404 KADIRI 14 (D,G) J Bosley 4-8-13 . . . R Perham 11
605 -600 CLAQUE 8 D Chapman 3-8-4 . . . P Fessey (5) 2
606 -620 CASTLE SECRET 16J (D,F,S) D Burchell 9-8-3 . . . K Sked (7) 3
607 3620 SUPREME STAR 16 (V,F,G) P Hedger 4-8-3 . . . N Varley (3) 12
608 0121 LA BRIEF 4 (C,G,S) M Ryan 3-8-2 (4ex) . . . G Bardwell 7
609 3100 WHO'S THE BEST 4 (CD,F,G) A Jarvis 5-8-1 . . . J Tate 4
610 1303 COLERIDGE 12 (B,CD,BF,F,G,S) J Sheehan 7-7-8 . . . J Quinn 5
611 /0/ MASTER GLEN 142J (G,S) G Oldroyd 7-7-7 . . . A Mackay 13
612 2140 GREAT ORATION 18 (V,D,F) F Watson 6-7-7 . . . L Charnock 10
613 0053 THE COTTONWOOL KID 115J T Caldwell 3-7-7 C Adamson (5) 9

11-4 Paradise Navy, 5-1 Cuango, 6-1 Pharly Dancer, 7-1 La Brief, 8-1 Kadiri, 10-1 Coleridge, Castle Secret, 12-1 others.

3.20 ZAMBIA SELLING STAKES
(£2,537: 1m 3f) (14)

1 110- CAST THE LINE 11J (B,C,F,G) C Egerton 5-9-3 . . . R Hughes 10
2 000- SHEECKY 399 B McMahon 4-9-3 . . . G Carter 13
3 020P BUCKLEY BOYS 48 A Bailey 4-8-12 . . . D Griffiths (5) 5
4 0904 DALLY BOY 7 M H Easterby 3-8-12 . . . L Charnock 11
5 5000 JEMIMA PUDDLEDUCK 14 (B,G,S) D Arbuthnot 4-8-12 R Price 3
6 0060 MAGICATION 32 (F,G) C Allen 5-8-12 . . . J Quinn 2
7 0000 SAINT AMIGO 21 (S) J Eyre 3-8-12 . . . R Lappin 14
8 0004 TOAT CHIEFTAIN 10 D Morris 3-8-12 . . . J Tate 1
9 WESTFIELD W C M Turner 3-8-12 . . . A Lakeman (7) 12
10 000- WHITE LADY 324 (F) B Llewellyn 4-8-12 . . . V Slattery 9
11 -650 ALIOLI 14 M Ryan 3-8-7 . . . G Bardwell 4
12 3400 FARMER'S TERN 7 (B) W Jarvis 3-8-7 . . . M Tebbutt 7
13 0044 MILTAK 14 P Makin 3-8-7 . . . S Sanders 8
14 000 NEWGATE HUSH 27 B Murray 3-8-7 . . . C Teague (5) 6

4-1 Toat Chieftain, 5-1 Cast The Line, 7-1 Dally Boy, Miltak, 10-1 others.

3.50 TOGO FILLIES HANDICAP
(Div II: £2,187: 6f) (16)

1 5001 ANITA'S CONTESSA 35 (G) B Palling 3-10-0 . . . R Perham 9
2 3000 LEGATEE 28 (F,G) A Streeter 4-9-12 . . . L Newton (5) 7
3 5055 BOLD GEM 7 (B,F,G) B Meehan 4-9-11 . . . R Hughes 12
4 4001 BLUE SIOUX 37 (B,G) J Wharton 3-9-10 . . . A Mackay 4
5 2000 DAVID JAMES' GIRL 23 (G,S) A Bailey 3-9-8 D Griffiths (5) 16
6 0056 FASCINATION WALTZ 10 (D,F,G,S) J Sheehan 8-9-7 J Quinn 5
7 -020 FAIREY FIREFLY 171 (D,F) M Camacho 4-9-7 . . . L Charnock 8
8 6000 BELLS OF LONGWICK 4 (F,G,S) W Haigh 6-9-6 R Cochrane 15
9 0060 NEVER SUCH BLISS 31 J Bethell 3-9-2 . . . T Ives 3
10 0500 NADWATY 37 (C,G) M Chapman 3-9-2 . . . C Munday (7) 14
11 3000 MY CHERRYWELL 41 (B,S) L Lloyd-James 5-9-1 Kim Hart (7) 2
12 0200 INDIAHRA 28 (V,G,S) R Hollinshead 4-8-13 . . . K Fallon 1
13 3400 NEWINGTON BUTTS 7 K McAuliffe 5-8-10 . . . G Duffield 10
14 0000 POLLI PUI 31 P Evans 3-8-8 . . . S Sanders 6
15 480 GRACEFUL LADY 68 E Alston 5-8-5 . . . N Varley (3) 13
16 3316 IRCHESTER LASS 70 (D,F,G) S Bowring 3-8-4 C Teague (5) 11

9-2 Blue Sioux, 7-1 Anita's Contessa, 8-1 Bold Gem, Legatee, 10-1 others.

LEADERS OVER THE JUMPS

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stake
M Pipe	68	38	23	4	-10.41
P Hobbs	42	21	19	2	+17.71
J White	31	26	27	1	-32.87
K Bailey	30	19	22	1	-7.79
N Twiston-Davies	30	28	14	1	-4.78
G Richards	29	15	6	7	+39.05
G Balding	26	17	16	11	+45.95
Mrs M Reveley	25	19	12	5	-38.10
P Nicholls	21	18	7	3	+4.47
O Sherwood	17	5	8	2	+3.20
Mrs S Smith	13	11	11	5	+37.64
J Jenkins	13	18	21	6	-53.47

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stake
A P McCoy	74	55	37	1	+38.06
D Bridgwater	54	38	24	8	-31.44
P Niven	32	20	11	2	-9.81
A Dobbin	30	18	16	3	+25.91
A Maguire	29	26	31	1	-61.93
R Dunwoody	27	22	27	4	-46.91
N Williamson	24	16	19	4	+22.00
M A Fitzgerald	24	29	21	8	-30.72
L Wyer	23	15	15	1	+66.06
C Llewellyn	23	24	8	2	+11.97
P Hobbs	21	17	18	11	-32.91
J Osborne	17	15	15	5	-18.95

COURSE SPECIALISTS

Catterick

TRAINERS: L Lungo, 8 winners from 33 runners, 24.2%; M Hammond, 12 from 83, 14.5%; M Barnes, 5 from 36, 13.9%; G M Moore, 9 from 65, 13.8%; P Beaumont, 8 from 64, 12.5%; Mrs S Austin, 3 from 27, 11.1%; H Johnson, 8 from 80, 10.0%.

JOCKEYS: A S Smith, 10 winners from 32 rides, 31.3%; M Dwyer, 17 from 58, 29.3%; A Dobbin, 11 from 73, 15.1%; T Reed, 11 from 76, 14.5%; W Fry, 3 from 24, 12.5%; J Callaghan, 7 from 70, 10.0%.

Southwell

TRAINERS: Lord Huntingdon, 25 winners from 111 runners, 22.5%; S Norton, 37 from 180, 20.6%; M Ryan, 14 from 75, 18.7%; M Johnston, 31 from 168, 18.5%; W O'Gorman, 40 from 222, 18.0%; W Haigh, 21 from 119, 17.6%.

JOCKEYS: T Ives, 18 winners from 104 rides, 17.3%; R Cochrane, 20 from 132, 15.2%; M Tebbutt, 7 from 47, 14.9%; D Harrison, 22 from 149, 14.8%; J Tate, 11 from 76, 14.5%; Emma O'Gorman, 31 from 218, 14.2%.

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FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

CROSS COUNTRY: Dunkirk (Croco do L'Aclore): Men: 10.1km: 1, W Bekila (Eth) 29 38. 2, S Corona (Ken) 29 39. 3, P Guerra (Por) 29:41. 4, A Pearson (Longwood) 29:44. 5, J Brown (Sheffield) 29 47. 6, S Bitok (Ken) 29 49 19. P Davies-Hale (Cannock and Stafford) 31.17. Women: 4.4km: 1, F Ribeiro (Por) 14:29. 2, T Derartu (Eth) 14 41. 3, G Wami (Eth) 14 52. 4, A Sergent (Fr) 14:57. Dublin: British veterans International: Men: 9km: 1, N Gates (Eng) 25 38; 2, J Kiernan (Ire) 25.53. 3, B Atwell (Eng) 26.01. 4, J Parker (Eng) 26 02. 5, M Hager (Eng) 26 02. 6, K Davies (Wales) 26 19. Team: 1, England 14; 2, Wales 43, 3, Ireland 50. 4, Northern Ireland 53. 5, Scotland 78. Crawley: Southern women's cross country league: Women: 5km: 1, H Yelling (Hounslow) 17 07; 2, S Dinot (Southampton) 17:13. 3, J Briggs (Crawley) 17:29. Teams: 1, Medway 92. 2, Oxford 100. 3, Serpentine 117. Petersham: Reebok Surrey League: First division. 5 miles: 1, M Simpson (Hounslow) 26.40; 2, B Reynolds (Thames Hare and Hounds) 27 03; 3, W Oxborough (Thames Hare and Hounds) 27 05; 4, J Kendall (Aldershot, Farnham and District) 27 05. 5, J Jackson (Aldershot, Farnham and District) 27.07; 6, A Green (Boxhill Racers) 27 13. Teams: 1, Hounslow 207. 2, Boxhill Racers 278. 3, Aldershot, Farnham and District 314. 4, Thames Hare and Hounds 322. 5, Herne Hill 426. 6, Ranelagh 530; 7, Belgrave 565; 8, South London Harriers 668. 9, Woking 785. Veteran: H Jones (Ranelagh) 28:18. Leading standings after two matches: 1, Hounslow 483; 2, Thames Hare and Hounds 611, 3, Boxhill Racers 626. Wimbledon Common: Division 2: 5 miles: 1, B Witchalls (Dorking and Mole Valley) 25 52. 2, A Eynon (British Airways) 25.54. 3, A Marriott (Hercules Wimbledon) 26 14. Teams: 1, Hercules Wimbledon 248. 2, Croydon 346. 3, Metropolitan Police 359.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Cleveland 93 Detroit 90: Indiana 118 Seattle 104; Miami 93 Orlando 90. Toronto 103 Washington 102. Utah 126 Minnesota 102. New Jersey 95 Philadelphia 79; Houston 101 Denver 97; Boston 99 Milwaukee 93. San Antonio 109 Charlotte 107. Phoenix 107 Portland 102. Golden State 121 Dallas 108.

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Worthing 103 Manchester 106. Hemel 78 Thames Valley 83. Leicester 94 Chester 84. Birmingham 86 London 98. Newcastle 78 Doncaster 86

BOWLS

JERSEY: European indoor team championship: Men: Singles: D Le Marquand (Jersey) bt J Queripel (Guernsey) 7-6 7-3 3-7 1-7 7-0. G Robertson (Scot) bt A Thomson (Eng) 7-1 7-2 7-6; S Rees (Wales) bt J Henry (Ire) 7-0 7-5 7-3. Fours: Ireland 30 Guernsey 23. England 25 Jersey 15. Scotland 18 Wales 18. Women: Singles: V Stead (Jersey) bt A Simon (Guernsey) 7-1 7-5 6-7 7-0, J Lindores (Scot) bt J Roylance (Eng) 7-1 7-4 5-7 7-3. M Johnston (Ire) bt R Jones (Wales) 7-1 7-2 7-4. Fours: Scotland 22 Wales 14, England 26 Jersey 15. Guernsey 25 Ireland 17. Final standings: 1, England 57pts. 2, Wales 53. 3, Scotland 45. 4, Ireland 36. 5, Jersey 27. 6, Guernsey 26.

LIBERTY TROPHY: Group four: Suffolk 101 Norfolk 117, Hertfordshire 118 Cambridgeshire 115.

BOXING

KELVIN HALL, Glasgow: World boxing organisation light-flyweight championship: (12rnds): Jake Matlala (SA) bt Paul Weir (Irvine, holder) technical decision 5th. World boxing organisation continental middleweight championship (12rds). Willie Quinn (Tranent) bt Peter Waudby (Hull) ret 6th. Welterweight: Gary Jacobs (Glasgow) bt Leigh Wicks (Brighton) ret 3rd; Joe Townsley (Cleland) bt Kevin Toomey (Hull) rsc 6th. Light-welterweight: Mark Breslin (Barrhead) bt Paul Scott (Newbiggin) pts. Featherweight: Lehlohonolo Ledwaba (SA) bt Ricky Beard (Dagenham) rsc 3rd

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey: World boxing council welterweight title (12rnds): Pernell Whitaker (US, holder) ko Jake Rodriguez (US) 6th. International boxing federation welterweight title (12rnds). Felix Trinidad (Puerto R, holder) bt Larry Barnes (US) rsc 4th

CRICKET

One-day international

India v New Zealand

AMRITSAR (India won toss): India beat New Zealand by six wickets

NEW ZEALAND

M J Greatbatch c Tendulkar b Prabhakar	2
N Astle lbw b Tendulkar	59
M D Crowe lbw b Prabhakar	2
S P Fleming c Mongia b Srinath	3
R G Twose b Prasad	5
C L Cairns b Kumble	4
S A Thomson c Srinath b Prabhakar	14
*†L K Germon c Mongia b Prabhakar	9
G Larsen c Mongia b Srinath	20
D J Nash lbw b Prabhakar	0
D K Morrison not out	2
Extras (b 2, lb 12, nb 3, w 8)	25
Total	145

FALL OF WICKETS 1-12, 2-22, 3-37, 4-57, 5-69, 6-96, 7-112, 8-123, 9-123.

Bowling: Prabhakar 10-0-33-5, Srinath 8.1-1-26-2, Prasad 6-0-14-1, Kumble 6-0-16-1, Kapoor 10-1-27-0, Tendulkar 4-0-15-1

INDIA

M Prabhakar lbw b Nash	1
S R Tendulkar c Germon b Thomson	39
N S Sidhu c Fleming b Cairns	8
*M A Azharuddin run out	17
S V Manjrekar not out	44
A D Jadeja not out	26
Extras (b 2, lb 1, nb 4, w 4)	11
Total (4 wkts)	146

N R Mongia, J Srinath, A Kumble, A R Kapoor and V Prasad did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS 1-2, 2-25, 3-65, 4-72

BOWLING Morrison 6-0-20-0, Nash 6-1-17-1, Cairns 7-0-33-1, Larsen 10-3-23-0, Thomson 10-1-38-1, Astle 4-0-9-0, Twose 0 4-0-3-0

Man-of-the-match M Prabhakar.

CAIRNS, Australia: Tour match (one day) Queensland 208 (M L Hayden 53). Sri Lankans 162 (R S Mahanama 58, A P Gurusinha 50). Queensland won by 46 runs

SHELL-SANDALS CHAMPIONSHIP (one day): Semi-finals: Bridgetown: Guyana 289-5 (C Hooper 99, S Chanderpaul 60, R Harper 30 not out) Barbados 195 (S Campbell 56, R Holder 38, C Brown 31, R Harper 4-22, S Chanderpaul 3-22) Guyana won by 48 runs after Barbados' target was reduced to 243 off 39 overs because of rain. In Port-of-Spain: 168 (P Simons 42, K Mason 37; R Haynes 3-31) Jamaica 95-4 (D Morgan 34) Trinidad and Tobago won a faster run-rate after rain stopped play.

CYCLING

CYCLO-CROSS: South Yorkshire (Regency RT). 12 miles: 1, C Young (Rocky Mountain) 1hr 2min 55sec. 2, N Clough (Swaledale CC) at 1sec. 3, R Thackray (Bradford Olympic RC) at 1 30. Canford Heath (Bournemouth Jubilee Wheelers) 10.5 miles: 1, S Willats (Poole Wheelers) 1:03 09. 2, A MacDonald (GS Europa) at 2sec; 3, N Parkinson (Royce UK) at 10sec. Dorking (Redhill CC). 12 miles: 1, I Taylor (Redhill CC) 1:02 50. 2, P Burwell (London Dynamo) at 2:30; 3, T Stevens (Team 2000) at 2'45. Llanelli (Bynea CC): 9 miles: 1, J Winn (Extreme CC) 51.20; 2, P Thomas (Rhondda Valley CC) at 1 20. 3, M Hughes-Dowdle (VC Phoenix) at 2 55. Hengrove (Bristol RC) 11 miles: 1, J Williams (CC Abergavenny) 51 00; 2, P James (Bristol RC) at 1 00. 3, A Holland (Team SN16) at 1:58. Brentwood (Shaftesbury CC): 14 miles: 1, D Barclay (London Dynamo) 1.07 22; 2 G Pentney (Mad Cow Racing) at 2:33; 3, L Palmer (Withan and Dist CC) at 2:59. Consett (Derwentside CC) 11 miles: 1, J Lambeth (RT Ebie) 56:45. 2, D Howard (Bike Scene) at 2:00. 3, J Slow (Derwentside CC) at 2 20

FENCING

CRYSTAL PALACE: The Eden Cup: A grade men's junior foil: 1, M Zannaro (It), 2, D Reichert (Ger); 3, S Mocek (Pol) and J Weibel (Fr). British: 8, J Beevers, 9, P Walsh.

GOLF

ROYAL GC: Hong Kong Open: Final scores: 271: G Webb (US) 68, 69, 68, 66. 273: R Alarcon (Mex) 65, 67, 74, 67. 274: Y Chang Ting (Tpe) 67, 68, 68, 71. 276: M Cunning (US) 73, 68, 69, 66. J Steenkamer (Holl) 68, 72, 68, 68. 278: D Boules (HK) 71, 72, 66, 69; E Romero (Arg) 70, 71, 67, 70. 279: M Mouland (Wales) 69, 72, 71, 67. 281: R Cragun (US) 69, 70, 70, 72. G Nicklaus (US) 67, 72, 72, 70, A Painter (Aus) 69, 68, 75, 69; L Porter (US) 66, 75, 71, 69, P Stewart (US) 69, 75, 71, 66. 282: A Arwal (Indo) 70, 69, 70, 73. C Tse Peng (Tpe) 72, 71, 69, 70. Choi Sang Ho (Kor) 69, 71, 70, 72. R Freles (Para) 70, 73, 69, 70. S Haskins (US) 73, 67, 72, 70. L Keng Chi (Tpe) 68, 74, 70, 70. J Rutledge (Can) 71, 71, 72, 68. R Todd (Can) 67, 73, 71 71. Z Lianwei (China) 67, 73, 69, 73. G Zorkic (Aus) 70, 70, 71, 71. GB Score: 284. S Torrance 71, 69, 71, 73.

MIYAZAKI, Japan: Dunlop Phoenix Tournament: Final scores (Japan unless stated): 273: M Ozaki 65, 71, 69, 68. 274: B Jobe (US) 69, 67, 71, 67. R Gamez (US) 66, 69, 72, 67, P Senior (Aus) 69, 64, 69, 72. 276: T Watson (US) 66, 70, 70, 70; G Marsh (Aus) 68, 69, 66, 73. 277: L Mize (US) 66, 71, 71, 69. 278: S Hoch (US) 73, 66, 73, 66, N Ozaki 68, 72, 69, 69; T Suzuki 70, 66, 76, 70; Y Kaneko 67, 70, 70, 71. Selected scores: 279: D Frost (SA) 70, 70, 73, 66. V Singh (Fiji) 68, 70, 71, 70. 280: J Sluman (US) 72, 69, 72, 67. L Nelson (US) 68, 68, 69, 75. 281: T Hamilton (US) 71, 70, 72, 68, E Els (SA) 68, 73, 71, 69, M A Jimenez (Sp) 70, 71, 68, 72. 282: B Lane (GB) 64, 72, 75, 71

THOUSAND OAKS, California: Shark Shootout competition: Second-round scores (first round played under a modified alternate shot format, second best ball, third scramble, US unless stated) 125: M Calcavecchia and S Elkington (Aus) 64, 61. 127: T Lehman and D Duval 66, 61. 128: L Janzen and C Beck 65, 63. 130: F Couples and B Faxon 68, 62, H Irwin and B Lietzke 67, 63, T Kite and J Haas 64, 66. G Norman (Aus) and R Floyd 65, 65. 133: P Jacobsen and A Palmer 66, 67. 136: C Strange and M O'Meara 69, 67. 137: F Zoeller and J Daly 69, 68

MELBOURNE: Victorian Open: Final scores (Australia unless stated). 283: S Leaney 72, 72, 68, 71. 284: R Allenby 74, 70, 73, 67. M Clayton 75, 68, 69, 72. 285: D McKenzie 73, 71, 69, 72. 286: M Harwood *72, 71, 69, 74. L Stephen 72, 70, 72, 72. 287: L Parsons 70, 73, 74, 70, G Vearing 71, 70, 75, 71. 288: J Clifford 69, 72, 75, 72. D Smail (NZ) 71, 75, 70, 72. S Allan 75, 69, 71, 73. Selected scores: 292: B Jackson (GB) 74, 74, 72, 72. 294: G Evans (GB) 75, 73, 74, 72. 301: D Watson (GB) 74, 76, 76, 75.

ROYAL PINES: Alpine Women's Masters: Third-round scores (Australia unless stated) 201: A Sorenstam (Swe) 66, 68, 67. 207: L Neumann (Swe) 68, 72, 69. 208: J Geddes (US) 70, 73, 65. 210: A Nicholas (Eng) 68, 70, 72. 211: K Parker-Gregory (US) 70, 73, 68. L Davies (Eng) 72, 70, 69. 212: K Webb 68, 72, 72. C Nilsmark (Swe) 69, 70, 73. 213: A-M Knight 71, 70, 72. K Orum (Den) 68, 73, 72. J Mills 72, 71, 70. S Waugh 68, 73, 72. R Walton (US) 70, 73, 70. Win Lin-Li (Twn) 70, 72, 71. C Hjalmarsson (Swe) 70, 72, 71. 214: N Lowen 71, 70, 73. C Dibnah 69, 76, 69. L Lambert 69, 75, 70. K Lunn 67, 75, 72. B Burton (US) 69, 75, 70. Selected scores: 215: D Reid (Scot) 71, 75, 69. 216: C Matthew (Scot) 70, 74, 72. C Hall (Eng) 68, 78, 70; M Madill (Ire) 70, 72, 74. 218: H Hopkins (Wales) 70, 74, 74. H Wadsworth (Wales) 73, 74, 71. 220: J Forbes (Scot) 73, 74, 73. E-J Smith (Eng) 72, 73, 75. 224: S Strudwick (Eng) 78, 72, 74

GYMNASTICS

NOTTINGHAM: British senior mens championships: 1, M Campbell (Liverpool) 54 750; 2, D Brindle (Leeds) 54 300. 3, C Heap (N Tyne) 530850. 4, L Ricketts (unattached) 53.200. 5, S Frew (Alloa) 52.800. 6, R Barber (N Staffs) 52 750. Under 16s: 1, K Jackson (Harrow) 53 350, 2, J Smethurst (Manchester) 52 600. 3, C Hanson (Manchester) 51 850

HOCKEY

CAPE TOWN: Women's Olympic qualifying tournament: Saturday: South Africa 0 Argentina 0; Great Britain 2 Germany 1; South Korea 2 Holland 2. Sunday: Great Britain 1 China 0. Germany 2 Canada 0.

MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Cannock 3 Surbiton 0, Canterbury 2 Teddington 0, East Grinstead 7 Bournville 2. Guildford 5 Barford Tigers 4, Havant 4 Hounslow 1: Hull 1 Southgate 3. Indian Gymkhana 0 St Albans 2. Old Loughtonians 4 Reading 3. Stourport 4 Trojans 3. Second division: City Of Portsmouth 2 Brooklands 2. Doncaster 3 Isca 1. Edgbaston 0 Firebrands 0; Gloucester City 3 Olton and West Warks 2; Harleston Magpies 3 Bromley 0; Oxford University 1 Beeston 4. Richmond 1 Crostyx 3; Sheffield 3 Bluehearts 1. Slough 2 Hampstead and Westminster 1.

HA CUP: Third round: Barford Tigers 0 Canterbury 4. Bloxwich 0 Firebrands 2 (aet). Bournemouth 0 Reading 11. Bournville 1 Norton 3. Bromley 2 Weston-super-Mare 1. Cannock 6 Sheffield 1. Chichester 2 Crostyx 1 (aet). Dereham 0 Teddington 10. Doncaster 6 Blueharts 2. East Grinstead 7 Shrewsbury 1. Edgbaston 5 Ramgarhia 4. Formby 2 Sheffield Bankers 1: Guildford 8 Harleston Magpies 1; Hampstead 2 Lewes 1. Harborne 3 Warrington 1: Havant 4 Stourport 0. Indian Gymkhana 2 Harrogate 1. Ipswich 0 Southgate 9. Isca 3 Beeston 4 (aet). Khalsa 2 Tunbridge Wells 1: Maidenhead 1 Surbiton 4. Nottingham 0 Slough 6. Old Loughtonians 9 Colchester 0. Olton & West Warwicks 1 Robinsons 0. Oxford Hawks 1 Brooklands 2. Oxford Univ 0 City Of Portsmouth 4. Redbridge and Ilford 2 Richmond 4. St Albans 2 Hull 3. Timperley 2 Hounslow 7. Trojans 1 Ashford (Middx) 0. Winchester 0 Gloucester City 1. Woking 2 Wimbledon 2 (aet, Wimbledon won 3-2 on pens)

SUN LIFE WEST LEAGUE: First division: Cheltenham 1 Bristol 0; Swansea 1 Robinsons 4. Taunton Vale 4 Plymouth 2. Weston-Super-Mare 0 Bath Buccs 4. Whitchurch 2 Exeter Univ 0

NASTRO AZZURRO LEAGUE: Premier League: Ashford 0 Woking 1. Beckenham 1 Anchorians 1. Bournemouth 4 Wokingham 4. Fareham 0 Gore Court 1. Lewes 3 Wimbledon 3. Lions 0 High Wycombe 1. Maidenhead 1 Spencer 1. Old Walcountians 1 Chichester 2. Oxford Hawks 1 Old Kingstonians 1. Winchester 3 Newbury 1. Kent/Sussex: Belvedere 2 Old Williamsonians 3. Bexleyheath 1 Worthing 4. Bexley Invicta 4 Old Beccehamians 3. Blackheath 3 Tulse Hill 0; Bognor 2 Old Bordenians 1. Brighton 0 Tunbridge Wells 3. Crawley 1 Sevenoaks 4. Herne Bay 0 Mid Sussex 1. Marden Russets 1 Horsham 0; Middleton 1 Old Holcombeians 2. Hampshire/Surrey: Barnes 1 Solent H C 0; Camberley 1 Epsom 4. Cheam 1 Old Mid-Whitgiftians 2 Dulwich 1 Oxshott 1 London University 4 Southampton 0 Old Cranleighans 0 Basingstoke 2. Old Edwardians 0 Purley 1. Old Whitgiftians 4 Walton and Weybridge 0, Oxted 2 Andover 1. Petersfield 1 Blandford 1.

DTZ DEBENHAM THORPE LEAGUE: Premier division: Belper 1 Harbourne 5. Bloxwich 0 Bridgnorth 0; Loughborough Students 8 Khalsa 1: North Notts 1 John Player 1. Nottingham 0 Hampton-in-Arden 2.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Formby 3 Ben Rhydding 0: Halifax 2 Timperley 1: Sheffield Bankers 2 Norton 3. Southport 2 Harrogate 1. Warrington 3 Neston 0

ADNAMS EAST LEAGUE: Premier division A: Bedford Town 3 Bishops Stortford 3: Chelmsford 0 Redbridge and Ilford 3. Colchester 4 Bury St Edmunds 1: Ipswich 3 Cambridge City 0; Peterborough Town 0 Cambridge Univ 0. Premier division B: Dereham 2 Clacton 2. Norwich City 0 Ipswich and East Suffolk 0. Old Southendian 0 Sudbury 5. Romford 2 Luton Town 1. Stevenage 1 Westcliff 2.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Friday: Winnipeg 6 NY Rangers 3. Pittsburgh 3 Washington 2 (OT); Dallas 2 San Jose 1: Colorado 5 Calgary 3; Detroit 5 Edmonton 4; Anaheim 2 NY Islanders 1. Saturday: Buffalo 5 New Jersey 4; Philadelphia 4 Hartford 2; Boston 5 St Louis 2. Montreal 5 Ottawa 1: Pittsburgh 3 Washington 0; Tampa Bay 5 Vancouver 4 (OT) Toronto 2 Winnipeg 1. Los Angeles 3 Florida 2. Colorado 5 Calgary 2.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic division	W	L	D	Pts	F	A
NY Islanders	2	2	1	5	12	16
Philadelphia	2	3	1	5	12	16
Florida	2	3	0	4	14	14
Tampa Bay	2	3	0	4	14	17
Washington	1	3	1	3	8	14
NY Rangers	1	4	0	2	9	11
New Jersey	0	3	1	1	4	10
Northeast division						
Pittsburgh	5	0	0	10	23	15
Quebec	4	0	0	8	17	5
Buffalo	3	1	1	7	14	13
Boston	3	1	0	6	8	4
Montreal	2	1	1	5	11	8
Hartford	1	2	2	4	10	9
Ottawa	0	2	2	2	10	14

Western Conference

Central division	W	L	D	Pts	F	A
Detroit	4	1	0	8	21	11
Chicago	3	2	0	6	19	14
St Louis	3	2	0	6	20	13
Dallas	2	1	1	5	11	7
Toronto	2	2	1	5	14	13
Winnipeg	1	4	1	3	15	21
Pacific division						
San Jose	3	1	0	6	12	9
Anaheim	3	2	0	6	14	15
Calgary	2	2	1	5	15	15
Edmonton	2	3	0	4	13	19
Vancouver	1	3	1	3	10	21
Los Angeles	1	4	1	3	16	22

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Cardiff 7 Durham 3. Fife 6 Slough 6. Milton Keynes 13 Newcastle 4; Nottingham 14 Humberside 1. First division: Bracknell 9 Murrayfield 2; Dumfries 9 Swindon 4. Medway 7 Paisley 4. Peterborough 4 Guildford 9. Telford 6 Manchester 11

MOTORCYCLING

MACAU: Grand Prix 500cc: 57 miles: 1, M Edwards (Eng) 38min 50 640sec. 2, P McCallen (N Ire) 38:50.778. 3 A Hofmann (Switz) 39:15 695. 4, L Pullan (Eng) 39.45.570; 5, S Mertens (Bel) 40.11 365; 6, D Goodley (Eng) 40:12 098; 7, B Jackson (Eng) 40.14.231; 8, T Ochsenreiter (Ger) 40.17.257

SKIING

BEAVER CREEK, Colorado: Women's world cup slalom: 1, E Eder (Austria) 1min 22.49sec. 2, M Kjoerstad (Nor) 1:23.20 3 G Zingre-Graf (Switz) 1:23.29. Nations World Cup standings: 1 Austria 402pts. 2 Switzerland 261. 3 Germany 258

SNOOKER

PRESTON: Royal Liver Assurance UK Championship: First round: J Higgins (Scot) bt M King (Eng) 9-3: T Griffiths (Wales) bt D Leary (N Ire) 9-3; G Wilkinson (Eng) bt J Prince (Nire) 9-4; S Reardon (Eng) bt B Morgan (Eng) 9-6; R O'Sullivan (Eng) bt S Mealon (Eng) 9-3. J Parrott (Eng) bt J Woodman (Eng) 9-2; J White (Eng) bt M Wilson (Eng) 9-5. A Robidoux (Can) bt K Payne (Eng) 9-4; W Thorne (Eng) bt T Meo (Eng) 9-6; P Davies (Wales) bt M Price (Eng) 9-6; J Ferguson (Eng) bt K Broughton (Eng) 9-8. K Doherty (Ire) bt D Henry (Scot) 9-8.

SQUASH

CAIRO: Men's world team championship: Final: England 2 Pakistan 1. Third-place play-off: Egypt 2 Australia 1

SWIMMING

LEICESTER: Short Course Grand Prix meeting: Men: 200m freestyle: 1, A Clayton (Leeds) 1min 48.27sec. 2, P Palmer (Lincoln) 1 49.86. 3, S Mellor (Birmingham) 1:50.29. 200m breaststroke: 1, R Maden (Aquabears) 2.14 55. 2, I Edmond (Reading) 2:18 67; 3, J Duckham (Coventry) 2 18.88. 50m butterfly: 1, A Ripley (Sheffield) 25.15. 2, J Gojkovic (Sheffield) 25.20. 3, S Mavin (Loughborough Stdts) 25 53. 200m butterfly: 1, D Carr (Sheffield) 2:03 76. 2, A Woods (Norwich) 2:05.26. 3, C Jones (Birmingham) 2:05 44. 200m backstroke: 1, A Ruckwood (Birmingham) 1:57.34; 2, M Harris (Waltham Forest) 1 58 78. 3, C Jones (Cardiff) 2:01 63. Women: 50m freestyle: 1, S Rolph (Newcastle) 26 23. 2, C Willmott (Barnet Copthall) 26 60; 3, J Belton (Bradford) 27.03. 800m freestyle: 1, S Hardcastle (Bracknell) 8 32.29. 2, K Bunclark (Orpington) 8:51 55. 3, S Collings (Bradford) 8.54 11. 100m breaststroke: 1, J King (Waltham Forest) 1 10.82. 2, M Hardiman (Birmingham) 1'11.23. 3, L Hindmarsh (Leeds) 1:12.28. 50m butterfly: 1, C Foot (York) 28.16. 2, S Rolph (Newcastle) 28 63. 3, S Massey (Bradford) 28.89. 200m backstroke: 1, K Osher (Ealing) 2 13.27. 2, K A Newton (Barnet Copthall) 2.16.90. 3, L Graham (Sunderland) 2:16 96. 400m medley: 1, R Corner (Wigan Wasps) 4.53.35. 2, R Haigh (Kirklees) 4 56.54. 3, J Swallow (Brentwood) 4 57 20

TENNIS

FRANKFURT: Men's ATP tour world championship: Singles: Final: B Becker (Ger) bt M Chang (US) 7-6, 6-0, 7-6

REUNION ISLAND, Mauritius: Men's ATP challenger: Singles: Final: T Henman (GB) bt P Baur (Ger) 7-6, 6-3, 7-6

PORTSMOUTH: LTA Reebok tour: Finals. Singles: Men: P Hand (Berkshire) bt J Fox (Lincolnshire) 6-3, 6-4. Women: L Woodroffe (Surrey) bt K Warne-Holland (Cheshire) 6-3, 6-2.

NEW YORK: Women's tour championships: Singles: Semi-finals: S Graf (Ger) bt N Zvereva (Bela) 6-4, 6-3. A Huber (Ger) bt B Schultz-McCarthy (Hol) 6-3, 6-3. Doubles: Final: A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) and J Novotna (Cz) bt N Zvereva (Bela) and G Fernandez (US) 6-2, 6-1

PATTAYA, Thailand: Volvo women's open tournament: Finals: Singles: B Paulus (Aus) bt Y Jingqian (China) 6-4, 6-3. Doubles: J Hetherington (Can) and K Radford (Aus) bt K Godridge (Aus) and N Miyagi (Jpn) 2-6, 6-4, 6-3.

EDINBURGH: Texaco women's challenger: Singles: Final: S Noorlander (Hol) bt J Lutrova (Rus) 6-4, 4-6, 7-5. Doubles. Final: J Lutrova (Rus) and J Wood (GB) bt S Siddall and M Wainwright (GB) 7-6, 6-4

VOLLEYBALL

TOKYO: Men's World Cup: China 3 Egypt 0. Italy 3 Canada 0. United States 3 Tunisia 0. Cuba 3 Holland 2

WEIGHTLIFTING

CANTON, China: World Championships: Men: 64kg: Snatch: 1, N Suleymanoglu (Tur) 147.5kg. 2, V Leonidis (Gre) 147.5. 3, W Goaha (China) 145. 4, P Song (China) 140 (309). 5, G Tzelilis (Gre) 140: 6, M Yagci (Tur) 135: 7, R Delgado (Cuba) 135. 8, E Darbinian (Arm) 135. 9, M Toader (Rom) 132.5. 10, Y Miyaji (Jpn) 130. Clean and Jerk: 1, N Suleymanoglu (Tur) 180. 2, W Leonidis (Gre) 180. 3, P Song (China) 175. 4, G Tzelilis (Gre) 175. 5, A Popa, (Hun) 170: 6, M Yagci (Tur) 165. 7, M Darbinian (Arm) 165. 8, Z Kecskes (Hun) 165. 9, W Guohua (China) 165. 10, A Basbas (Alg) 165. Standings: 1, N Suleymanoglu (Tur) 180pts. 2, V Leonidis (Gre) 327.5. 3, P Song (China) 315. 4, G Tzelilis (Gre) 315. 5, W Guohua (China) 310; 6, M Yagci (Tur) 300, 7, R Delgado (Cuba) 300.

RUGBY UNION

International matches

England 14 South Africa 24
England: Try: De Glanville. Pens: Callard 3. South Africa: Tries: Van der Westhuizen, Williams 2. Pens: Stransky 3
(at Twickenham)

Ireland 44 Fiji 8
Ireland: Tries: Francis, Geoghegan, Johns, P Wallace, R Wallace, Staples. Cons: Burke 4. Pens: Burke 2. Fiji: Try: F Tawake. Pen: Jonetoni
(at Lansdowne Road)

Scotland 15 Western Samoa 15
Scotland: Pens: Dods 5. Western Samoa: Tries: Kaleta, Leaupepe. Con: Kellet. Pen: Kellet
(at Murrayfield)

France 12 New Zealand 37
France: Tries: Saint-Andre 2. Con: Castaignede. New Zealand: Tries: Rush, Osborne, I Jones, Lomu. Pens: Culhane 5. Con: Culhane
(at Parc des Princes)

CIS Insurance divisional championship

Midlands 36 London 34
Midlands: Tries: Farr, Grewcock, Pountney, Skingsley. Cons: Quantrill 2. Pens: Quantrill 4. London: Tries: Greenstock 2, Mensah, O'Leary, penalty try. Cons: Gregory 3. Pen: Gregory.
(at Northampton)

South West 15 North 38
South West: Tries: Glanville, Kitchin. Con: King. Pen: King. North: Tries: Ashurst, Greenwood, Liley, Naylor, Stimpson, Vyvyan. Cons: Liley 4
(at Bridgwater)

CIS Insurance County Championship

Northern group

Durham 29 Cumbria 14
Durham: Tries: penalty try, Collins, Ridley, Whittaker. Cons: Whittaker 3. Pen: Whittaker. Cumbria: Try: Marriott. Pens: Branthwaite 3
(at Gateshead Fell)

Northumberland 24 Cheshire 22
Northumberland: Tries: Briggs, Carr. Con: Belgian. Pens: Belgian 4. Cheshire: Try: Kennedy. Con: Swindells. Pens: Swindells 5
(at Northern)

Lancashire 20 Yorkshire 14
Lancashire: Tries: Diamond, Parr. Cons: Gough, Higgin. Pens: Gough 2. Yorkshire: Try: Heseltine. Pens: Grayson 3
(at Waterloo)

Midlands: Pool one

Leicestershire 6 Warwickshire 37
Leicestershire: Pens: Hope 2. Warwickshire: Tries: Fontaine, Gallagher, Watson 3, Wratt. Cons: Gallagher 2. Pen: Gallagher
(at Syston)

CLUB MATCHES: Barking 34 Sidcup 44. Bath 26 Coventry 23. Berry Hill 45 Sherborne 0: Birmingham Solihull 6 Exeter 28. Bristol 52 Northampton 0; Fylde 20 Leeds 18. Harrogate 77 Driffield 7. Havant 15 Reading 18. High Wycombe 37 Basingstoke 12. Kendal 22 Sale 19. London Welsh 16 Saracens 40; Lydney 28 Broad Street 20. Moseley 28 Rosslyn Park 17. Nottingham 29 Morley 24. Nuneaton 21 Bradford and Bingley 23. Otley 39 Huddersfield 10. Preston Grasshoppers 7 Rugby 48. Richmond 32 Blackheath 15. Sheffield 31 Liverpool St Helens 12. St Ives 45 Redruth 8. Torquay 14 Plymouth 17. Wakefield 30 West Hartlepool 40; Waterloo 40 Broughton Park 5. Wharfedale 72 Alnwick 0. Winnington Park 24 Lymm 12. St Marys (Dublin) 46 London Irish 48. London Irish 58 Met Police 7. Cancelled: Camborne v Taunton, Henley v Banbury. Lichfield v Leamington. Newcastle v Middlesbrough. Sandal v Camp Hill: Walsall v Derby

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Cornwall 34 Chief Constables XV 27 (at Penzance and Newlyn).

UNDER-21 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Northern group: Lancashire 30 Yorkshire 33 (at Widnes) Durham 29 Cumbria 22 (at Ryton) Cancelled: Northumberland v Cheshire. South-West: Pool one: Dorset and Wilts 17 Oxfordshire 7 (North Dorset, 2.30) Pool two: Devon 18 Cornwall 20 (at Devonport Services): Gloucestershire 31 Somerset 9 (at Cheltenham) South-East: Pool one: Eastern Counties 20 Middlesex 24 (Barking); Kent 57 Hampshire 24 (at Westcombe Park. Pool two: Hertfordshire 31 Army 24 (at Old Verulamians), Surrey 28 Sussex 10 (at Chobham)

SUN ALLIANCE COLTS CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-finals: Yorkshire 11 East Midlands 36 (at Bradford and Bingley)

Heineken League

First division

Abertillery 28 Aberavon 11
Abertillery: Tries: Cecero, Daly, M Williams. Cons: M Williams 2. Pens: M Williams 3. Aberavon: Try: Wintle. Pens: Stork 2.

Bridgend 33 Treorchy 17
Bridgend: Tries: Bradshaw, Griffiths, M Lewis, Reynolds. Cons: Griffiths 2. Pens: Griffiths 3. Treorchy: Tries: Freeman, Lloyd 2. Con: D Evans.

Neath 18 Swansea 11
Neath: Tries: Gareth Llewellyn, R Jones. Con: P Williams. Pens: P Williams 2. Swansea: Try: Boobyer. Pens: A Williams 2

Newbridge 18 Cardiff 30
Newbridge: Tries: Dunn, Silva, Smith. Pen: Withers. Cardiff: Tries: A Booth, S John, Walker, Young. Cons: A Davies 2. Pens: A Davies 2

Newport 25 Ebbw Vale 22
Newport: Tries: Hewlett, R Rees, Voyle. Cons: G Rees 2. Pens: G Rees 2. Ebbw Vale: Tries: Chapman, Morgan, Philips. Cons: Hayward 2. Pen: Hayward

Pontypridd 31 Llanelli 18
Pontypridd: Tries: Becarn, Manley, Paul John. Cons: Jenkins 2. Pens: Jenkins 3. Dropped goal: Jenkins. Llanelli: Tries: M Wintle, Proctor. Con. Pearce. Pens: Pearce 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	T	B	Pts
Cardiff	10	9	0	1	362	155	46	14	32
Pontypridd	9	8	0	1	313	143	36	11	27
Llanelli	9	6	0	3	276	144	37	12	24
Bridgend	10	5	0	5	266	208	35	11	21
Neath	9	6	1	2	217	106	32	8	21
Newport	10	7	1	2	200	226	19	4	19
Swansea	8	4	0	4	263	157	38	9	17
Newbridge	10	4	0	6	161	217	20	4	12
Ebbw Vale	10	4	0	6	178	258	18	2	10
Abertillery	10	2	0	8	144	368	14	2	6
Aberavon	10	1	0	9	151	387	16	3	5
Treorchy	9	0	0	9	159	321	19	4	4

Second division

Bonymaen 38 Cross Keys 21
Bonymaen: Tries: Alexander, D Thomas, Dacey, Dawes, P John. Cons: Bowling 4. Pen: Bowling. Cross Keys: Tries: Wyn Dawes, Wysocki. Con: Bebb. Pens: Bebb 3

Dunvant 19 Ystradgynlais 21
Dunvant: Tries: Taylor, Wake 2. Cons: D Morgan 2. Ystradgynlais: Tries: penalty try, Howells. Con: Love. Pens: Love 2. Dropped goal: Nottingham

Llandovery 20 Llanharan 13
Llandovery: Tries: G Davies, J Griffiths. Cons: C Williams 2. Pens: C Williams 2. Llanharan: Try: Prichard. Con: Jervis. Pens: Jervis 2

Pontypool 31 Abercynon 28
Pontypool: Tries: D Morris, Lynch, Rhead 2, S Billen. Cons: Williams 3. Abercynon: Tries: D Kathrens, G Philips, G Thomas, Lynch. Cons: Van Rensburgh 3

S Wales Police 10 Maesteg 14
South Wales Police: Try: Hiscocks. Con: Cox. Pen: Cox. Maesteg: Tries: Morgans, Stephens. Cons: Pearce 2

Tenby Utd 7 Caerphilly 25
Tenby Utd: Try: Hartland. Con: Bowen. Caerphilly: Tries: Bolderson, Hammond, Lougher, Starr. Con: Bolderson. Pen: Bolderson

	P	W	D	L	F	A	T	B	Pts
Dunvant	10	8	0	2	251	103	34	10	26
Pontypool	10	8	0	2	266	165	34	9	25
Caerphilly	10	7	0	3	130	149	21	5	19
Bonymaen	10	5	0	5	221	202	23	6	16
Llandovery	10	7	0	3	160	144	14	1	15
Cross Keys	10	5	0	5	218	182	23	4	14
Abercynon	10	5	0	5	162	173	19	3	13
S W Police	10	3	0	7	160	228	19	4	10
Maesteg	10	4	0	6	143	184	16	2	8
Ystradgynlais	10	3	0	7	149	197	16	2	8
Tenby Utd	10	3	0	7	139	245	16	2	8
Llanharan	10	2	0	8	171	253	16	2	6

SWALEC CUP: Third round: Aberavon Quins 6 Oakdale 16, Abergavenny 8 Llantrisant 3. Bargoed 14 Tumble 21. Blaina 23 Narberth 22. Cefn Cribbwr 11 Aberdare 10. Cowbridge 17 Usk 0. Cwmgwrach 5 Fleur De Lys 18. Garndiffaith 39 Llandaff North 8; Glamorgan Wanderers 25 Blaengarw 16. Hendy 38 Bedwas 27. Kenfig Hill 13 Resolven 21. Llangennech 25 Cwmavon 17. Llantwit Fardre 3 Heol-Y-Cyw 8. Maesteg Celtic 14 Baglan 5. Merthyr 22 Aberystwyth 0. Nelson 23 Tondu 7. Newcastle Emlyn 18 Pontycymmer 0. Penarth 58 Felinfoel 17. Pontyberem 13 Talywain 19; Pontypool Utd 19 Abercrave 26. Rhiwbina 0 Cardigan 10. Ruthin 9 Gilfach Goch 13; St Peters 20 Glynneath 25; Taibach 3 Carmarthen Quins 66. Tonmawr 25 Croesyceiliog 5. Treherbert 11 Kidwelly 43. Trimsaran 12 Newport Saracens 22. Vardre 25 Pwllheli 17. Waunarlwydd 11 Rhymney 15. Whitland 15 Pyle 11. Wrexham 13 Rumney 26. Ynysddu 16 Pembroke 3. Ystrad Rhondda 20 Tredegar 8.

Tennents Premiership

First division

Hawick 19 Edinburgh Ac 13
Hawick: Try: Murray. Con: Welsh. Pens: Welsh 3. Dropped goal: Welsh. Edinburgh Acads: Try: Weste. Con: Hay-Smith. Pens: Hay-Smith 2.

Watsonians 48 Boroughmuir 35
Watsonians: Tries: F Henderson, G Hastings, Garry, S Hastings, Sinclair. Cons: G Hastings 4. Pens: G Hastings 5. Boroughmuir: Tries: Dickson, Easson, Laird, Stark. Cons: Easson 3. Pens: Easson 3

Postponed: Heriot's FP v Stirling County.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Melrose	12	8	0	4	280	173	16
Boroughmuir	12	7	1	4	273	228	15
Stirling Co	11	7	0	4	238	172	14
Hawick	12	7	0	5	214	225	14
Watsonians	12	6	1	5	326	249	13
Heriots FP	11	5	0	6	224	286	10
Edinburgh Ac	13	4	1	8	228	254	9
Gala	11	1	1	9	144	340	3

Second division

G H K 37 Dundee HSFP 12
G H K: Tries: Agnew 2, Bacci, Breckenridge, Little. Cons: G Breckenridge 3. Pens: G Breckenridge 2. Dundee HSFP: Pens: Robinson 4

Jed-Forest 19 Selkirk 3
Jed-Forest: Tries: Brown, Gary Armstrong. Pens: C Richards 3. Selkirk: Pen: Hunter

Stewarts Mel FP 12 Currie 48
Stewarts Mel FP: Tries: Penny, Rennie. Con: Pollock. Currie: Tries: Forrester 2, Keen, Logan, Plumb, Rogerson, Shepherd, Wilson. Cons: Donaldson 4

West of Scotland 25 Kelso 19
West of Scotland: Tries: G Bulloch, Craig, Jamieson, Riding. Con: Greenshields. Pen: Barrett. Kelso: Tries: Aitchison, Meade, Thomson. Cons: Aitchison 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Currie	13	11	0	2	350	235	22
Jed-Forest	13	9	0	4	271	178	18
GHK	13	7	0	6	335	219	14
W of Scotland	13	7	0	6	268	222	14
Dundee HSFP	13	5	0	8	223	239	10
Kelso	13	5	0	8	235	280	10
Selkirk	13	5	0	8	195	267	10
Stewart's Mel	13	3	0	10	193	450	6

Third division

Biggar 19 Glasgow Acads 16
Musselburgh 19 Grangemouth 17
Peebles 9 Kirkcaldy 5
Preston Lodge 48 Corstorphine 8

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Glasgow Ac	13	11	0	2	436	120	22
Biggar	13	10	0	3	260	178	20
Kirkcaldy	13	9	0	4	266	170	18
Preston L	13	6	0	7	234	230	12
Peebles	13	6	0	7	188	300	12
Musselburgh	13	6	0	7	217	286	12
Grangemouth	13	4	0	9	184	262	8
Corstorphine	13	0	0	13	151	480	0

Fourth division

Ayr 21 Edinburgh W 24
Kilmarnock 13 Glasgow South 13
Langholm 12 Haddington 17
Wigtownshire 7 Gordonians 49

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kilmarnock	13	11	1	1	360	111	23
Glasgow Sth	13	10	1	2	400	152	21
Gordonians	13	9	0	4	360	157	18
Ayr	13	6	1	6	323	203	13
Langholm	13	6	1	6	177	196	13
Haddington	13	5	0	8	244	413	10
Edinburgh Ws	13	3	0	10	171	346	6
Wigtownshire	13	0	0	13	120	577	0

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Championship

Leeds 22 Sheffield 27
Leeds: Tries: Cook, Cummins, Harmon, Iro. Goals: Holroyd 3. Sheffield: Tries: Dixon, Farrell, Hay 2, Lawless. Goals: Aston 3. Dropped goal: Aston. Att: 11,561.

London Broncos 10 Warrington 18
London Broncos: Tries: Dynevor, Rea. Goal: Matterson. Warrington: Tries: Forster, Penny, Sculthorpe. Goals: Iestyn Harris 3. Att: 2,451.
(at Harlequins RFU)

Oldham 25 Castleford 20
Oldham: Tries: Abram, Gibson, McKinney, Topping. Goals: Gartland 4. Dropped goal: Gartland. Castleford: Tries: Flynn, Middleton, Tony Smith. Goals: Crooks 4. Att: 2,620

Wigan 44 Workington 20
Wigan: Tries: Connolly, Edwards, Robinson 3, Skerrett, Tuigamala. Goals: Paul 8. Workington: Tries: Kitchin, Marwood, Palmada. Goals: Marwood 4. Att: 9,876

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan	12	11	0	1	509	182	22
Leeds	12	9	0	3	386	215	18
St Helens	11	8	0	3	462	276	16
Halifax	11	7	0	4	265	277	14
London B	13	6	0	7	331	338	12
Warrington	11	5	0	6	248	234	10
Bradford	11	5	0	6	238	280	10
Castleford	12	5	0	7	244	335	10
Sheffield	11	3	0	8	223	382	6
Oldham	12	3	0	9	206	384	6
Workington	12	2	0	10	198	410	4

First division

Batley 34 Rochdale 10
Batley: Tries: D Heron, Gillilan 2, Tomlinson, Walton 2. Goals: Parkinson 5. Rochdale: Try: Marriott. Goals: Turner 3. Att: 1,008.

Dewsbury 2 Widnes 34
Dewsbury: Goal: Deventer. Widnes: Tries: Garland, John Devereux, McCurrie 2, Spruce 2, Thorniley. Goals: Tyrer 3. Att: 1,047.

Featherstone 34 Hull 18
Featherstone: Tries: Molloy, Pearson, Simpson, Slater, Wilson. Goals: Pearson 7. Hull: Tries: Craven, Gay, McNamara. Goals: McNamara 3. Att: 2,422.

Keighley 40 Huddersfield 6
Keighley: Tries: Dixon 3, Eyres 2, Foster, Irving. Goals: Irving 6. Huddersfield: Try: Booth. Goal: Moore. Att: 3,766

Whitehaven 18 Wakefield 12
Whitehaven: Tries: Casey 2, Dover. Goals: McGuire 3. Wakefield: Tries: Leeds 2. Goals: Heaton 2. Att: 1,007.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Keighley	11	10	1	0	369	113	21
Salford	11	10	0	1	402	175	20
Widnes	12	9	1	2	325	184	19
Hull	12	7	0	5	385	230	14
Featherstone	12	6	0	6	230	278	12
Rochdale	12	5	1	6	213	298	11
Whitehaven	12	4	1	7	206	303	9
Batley	12	4	0	8	202	326	8
Wakefield	12	4	0	8	194	320	8
Huddersfield	12	3	0	9	263	325	6
Dewsbury	12	1	0	11	157	386	2

Second division

Carlisle 62 Chorley 10
Carlisle: Tries: Charlton, D Armstrong 2, Manihera 2, Rhodes 2, Ruddy 2, Russell, Thurlow. Goals: Richardson 9. Chorley: Tries: Danawe, Stuart. Goal: Ruane. Att: 420

Doncaster 31 York 8
Doncaster: Tries: Chappell, Ledbury 2, Pullinger, Roberts. Goals: Chappell 5. Dropped goal: Pullinger. York: Tries: Hopcutt, Tichener. Att: 1,240.

Hull K R 48 Barrow 7
Hull K R: Tries: Atkins 2, C Harrison, Eastwood 2, G Brown 2, Hoe, Plange. Goals: M Fletcher 6. Barrow: Try: Shaw. Goal: Shaw. Dropped goal: Slater. Att: 1,200.

Hunslet 37 Leigh 10
Hunslet: Tries: Baker, Grant, Pryce, Richardson 2, Viller 2. Goals: Close 4. Dropped goal: Hanlan. Leigh: Tries: Robinson, Tau Uku. Goal: Wilkinson. Att: 2,350

Swinton 52 Highfield 8
Swinton: Tries: Ashcroft 3, Evans, Price-Jones, Roach 3, Tanner, Welsby. Goals: Gunning 2, Tanner 4. Highfield: Try: Pennington. Goals: Fenning 2. Att: 624

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Carlisle	12	9	0	3	390	179	18
Hull K R	11	9	0	2	360	163	18
Swinton	11	8	0	3	351	142	16
Leigh	11	7	0	4	282	206	14
York	10	5	0	5	223	198	10
Bramley	10	5	0	5	246	222	10
Hunslet	9	5	0	4	184	168	10
Doncaster	11	4	0	7	219	332	8
Barrow	11	3	0	8	209	250	6
Chorley	9	3	0	6	131	326	6
Highfield	11	0	0	11	124	535	0

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Premier division: Dudley Hill 18 Hemel Hempstead 20. Lock Lane 16 West Hull 4. Millom 8 Egremont 13



Hannah Glynn, of St Helen and St Katharine School, on the attack as she shoots past Sarah McNamara, of St George's, during their lacrosse match. St Helen won 7-6. Report: page 33. Photograph: Ashley Coombes.

GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
* *denotes all-ticket match*

FA Carling Premiership
Southampton v Aston Villa (8.0)

Vauxhall Conference
Dag and Red v Slough (7 45)

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Dr Martins Cup: First round, second leg: Chelmsford v Gravesend and Northfleet

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Winsford v Colwyn Bay. First division: Ashton United v Congleton. Great Harwood v Lancaster

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: West Ham v Swindon (7 0)

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Bolton v Stoke (7.0). Derby v Everton (7.0); Leeds v Birmingham (7 0). Manchester Utd v Wolverhampton (7.0). Second division: Mansfield v Rotherham (7 0).

FA YOUTH CUP: Second round replay: Portsmouth v Swansea. First round: Walsall v Mansfield. Preston v Huddersfield. First round replay: Wrexham v Tranmere. Chelsea v Basildon.

RUGBY UNION

Tour match
Leicester v Transvaal (SA) (7.15)

OTHER SPORTS

MOTOR RALLYING: Network Q RAC Rally.
RACING: Catterick Bridge (12 40). Folkestone (1 0); Southwell (AW, 1.20)
SNOOKER: Royal Liver Assurance UK Championship (Preston). World Amateur Championship (Bristol)

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

UEFA CUP: Third round, first leg: Nottingham Forest v Lyon (8.0)

*FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Arsenal v Sheffield Wednesday (7 45); Middlesbrough v Tottenham (7.45)

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Barnsley v Portsmouth (7.45). Birmingham v Derby (7 45). Charlton v Reading (7 45). Huddersfield v Leicester (7.45). Oldham v Millwall (7.45); Sheffield Utd v Grimsby (7.45); Watford v Luton (7 45); West Bromwich v Norwich (7.45)

FA CUP: First round replays: Ashford v Bognor Regis (7 45). Brighton v Canvey Island (7.45). Bristol City v Bournemouth (7 45); Enfield v Newport IOW; Gillingham v Wycombe (7.45). Sutton United v Kidderminster. Wigan v Runcorn (7 45); Woking v Barnet (7 45). Wrexham v Hull

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Bromsgrove v Hednesford (7.45).

RUGBY UNION

HEINEKEN CUP: Pool B: Begles-Bordeaux v Cardiff (7.0).
TOUR MATCH: Oxford University v Western Samoa (3.0).
IEUAN EVANS TESTIMONIAL MATCH: British Isles XV v International Select (at Llanelli 7.0)
CLUB MATCHES: Blaina v Aberavon (7 0). Ebbw Vale v Swansea University (7.0). Exeter v Taunton (7 30); Glamorgan Wanderers v Cross Keys (7 0) Northampton v London Welsh (7.30).

OTHER SPORTS

MOTOR RALLYING: Network Q RAC Rally
RACING: Cheltenham (C4, 12 45). Huntingdon (C4, 1 0) Lingfield Park (AW, 1.10).
SNOOKER: Royal Liver Assurance UK Championship (Preston). World Amateur Championship (Bristol)

WEDNESDAY

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN CUP: Champions' League Group A: Porto v Nantes (8 30). Panathinaikos v Aalborg BK (8.30) Group B: Spartak Moscow v Blackburn (5.30). Rosenborg v Legia Warsaw (8 30) Group C: Rangers v Steaua Bucharest (8.30). Juventus v Borussia Dortmund (8.30). Group D: Real Madrid v Ajax (8.30); Ferencvaros v GC Zurich (8 30)

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Chelsea v Bolton (7.45). Coventry v Manchester Utd (7 45). Everton v Queens Park Rangers (7.45). Manchester City v Wimbledon (7 45). West Ham v Liverpool (7 45).

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Crystal Palace v Wolverhampton (7 45). Ipswich v Southend (7.45); Stoke v Sunderland (7 45). Tranmere v Port Vale

FA CUP: First round: *Altrincham v Crewe (7 45). First round replays: *Farnborough v Brentford (7 45)

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Hibernian v Partick.

RUGBY UNION

HEINEKEN CUP: Pool C: Pontypridd v Milan (7 15).
TOUR MATCH: Bristol v Transvaal (7 30). Cheltenham v Vaal Triangle (SA) (7.0).
CLUB MATCHES: Rugby v Nuneaton (7.30)
HART GILMORE FOUR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Derbyshire v Gtr Birmingham (at Derby, 7 30). Shropshire v Worcestershire and Herefordshire (at Shrewsbury, 7 30)

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Hunslet v York (7.30)

OTHER SPORTS

BADMINTON: Scottish Open (Kelvin Hall, Glasgow)
BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Leicester v Leopards (8 0). 7UP Trophy: Quarter-finals, first leg. Worthing v Derby (8.0); Manchester v Sheffield (8 0).
BOXING: World Boxing Organisation light-middleweight championship: Verno Phillips (US, holder) v Paul Jones (Sheffield) (Hillsborough Leisure Centre, Sheffield)
MOTOR RALLYING: Network Q RAC Rally
RACING: Chepstow (1.20). Hexham (1 10). Windsor (1 0)
SNOOKER: Royal Liver Assurance UK Championship (Preston): World Amateur Championship (Bristol).

THURSDAY

RUGBY UNION

UNDER-23 MATCH: Glamorgan County v New Zealand XV (at Bridgend, 7 0)

OTHER SPORTS

BADMINTON: Scottish Open (Kelvin Hall, Glasgow).
RACING: Carlisle (1 10). Taunton (1 0), Uttoxeter (12.50).
SNOOKER: Royal Liver Assurance UK Championship (Preston). World Amateur Championship (Bristol)

FRIDAY

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: London Scottish v Richmond (7 15)

OTHER SPORTS

BADMINTON: Scottish Open (Kelvin Hall, Glasgow).
BASKETBALL: 7UP Trophy: Quarter-final, first leg: Thames Valley v London (7.15).
BOXING: British light-heavyweight championship: Crawford Ashley (Leeds, holder) v Maurice Core (Manchester) (Bowlers, Manchester).
RACING: Bangor (1 20). Newbury (1 0). Southwell (AW, 1 10)
SNOOKER: Royal Liver Assurance UK Championship (Preston): World Amateur Championship (Bristol)

SATURDAY

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Chelsea v Tottenham; Coventry v Wimbledon. Everton v Sheffield Wednesday. Manchester City v Aston Villa, Middlesbrough v Liverpool. Newcastle v Leeds. Nottingham Forest v Manchester Utd; Southampton v Bolton. West Ham v Queens Park Rangers.

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Barnsley v Luton. Charlton v Port Vale. Crystal Palace v Derby; Huddersfield v Wolverhampton, Ipswich v Portsmouth; Oldham v Southend. Sheffield Utd v Reading. Stoke v Millwall. Tranmere v Grimsby. West Bromwich v Sunderland. Second division: Brentford v Bradford. Bristol Rovers v Stockport, Burnley v Wrexham, Chesterfield v Bournemouth: Hull v Peterborough; Oxford Utd v Crewe. Rotherham v Bristol City; Swansea v Notts County. Swindon v Shrewsbury. Walsall v Blackpool. York v Brighton. Third division: Barnet v Leyton Orient, Bury v Exeter. Cambridge Utd v Torquay. Chester v Darlington. Colchester v Mansfield, Gillingham v Fulham, Lincoln v Northampton, Plymouth v Rochdale. Preston v Hartlepool. Scunthorpe v Scarborough. Wigan v Doncaster

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Celtic v Hearts, Hibernian v Rangers. Motherwell v Falkirk, Partick v Raith. First division: Airdrie v Dundee Utd. Clydebank v St Johnstone. Dunfermline v Greenock Morton. St Mirren v Hamilton. Second division: Ayr v Montrose, Forfar v Berwick. Queen Of South v East Fife. Stenhousemuir v Clyde. Stirling v Stranraer. Third division: Albion v Livingston, Brechin v Queen's Park. Caley Thistle v Alloa. Cowdenbeath v Ross County. East Stirling v Arbroath.

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Bromsgrove v Bath. Dover v Stalybridge: Hednesford v Morecambe; Kettering v Altrincham. Macclesfield v Farnborough. Runcorn v Stevenage. Slough v Northwich. Southport v Gateshead. Telford v Dagenham and Red. Welling v Halifax. Woking v Kidderminster.

RUGBY UNION

Kick-off 2.30 unless stated

TOUR MATCHES: Cambridge University v Western Samoa XV (3 0). Leinster v Transvaal (2 30)

CIS INSURANCE DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: Northern v London (at Wakefield). South West v Midland (at Gloucester, 3.0)

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Midlands: Pool two: East Midlands v North Midlands (at Bedford) North: Cheshire v Yorkshire (at New Brighton): Durham v Northumberland (at Durham City, 2 15). Lancashire v Cumbria (at Manchester, 2 15). South: Pool one: Dorset and Wiltshire v Berkshire (at Dorchester). Pool two: Devon v Oxfordshire (at Torquay). Hertfordshire v Gloucestershire (at Hertford). Pool three: Middlesex v Hampshire (at Old Merchant Taylors); Sussex v Kent (at Worthing, 2 15). Pool four: Somerset v Eastern Counties (at Taunton), Surrey v Cornwall (at Richmond, 2.15).

UNDER-21 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: North: Lancashire v Cumbria (at Old Aldwinians, 2.15).

INTER-PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: Exiles v Connacht (at Sunbury). Ulster v Munster (at Belfast)

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: First division: Aberavon v Newbridge. Cardiff v Newport. Ebbw Vale v Bridgend. Llanelli v Neath. Swansea v Abertillery. Treorchy v Pontypridd. Second division: Abercynon v Bonymaen: Caerphilly v South Wales Police. Cross Keys v Tenby Utd. Llanharan v Dunvant. Maesteg v Llandovery. Ystradgynlais v Pontypool

TENNENTS PREMIERSHIP: First division: Boroughmuir v Heriot's FP (2 0): Edinburgh Acads v Watsonians (2.0). Gala v Hawick (2 0): Stirling County v Melrose (2 0). Second division: Currie v Jed-Forest (2 0). Dundee HSFP v West of Scotland (2.0), Kelso v Stewart's Mel FP (2 0). Selkirk v G H K (2.0)

RUGBY LEAGUE

REGAL TROPHY: Third round: London Broncos v Halifax (3.0, Stoop Memorial Ground, Harlequins FC).

OTHER SPORTS

BADMINTON: Scottish Open (Kelvin Hall, Glasgow)
BASKETBALL: Budweiser League. Derby v Manchester (8 0). Newcastle v Chester (7 15). Hemel v Worthing (7 30)
BOXING: World Boxing Organisation super-middleweight championship: Steve Collins (Dublin, holder) v Cornelius Carr (Middlesbrough) (The Point, Dublin): Commonwealth lightweight championship: Billy Schwer (Luton, holder) v David Ooddatteh (Ghana) (Dagenham)
RACING: Newbury (BBC, 12 45). Newcastle (C4, 12.40). Haydock Park (1 10). Warwick (12 30). Lingfield Park (AW, 12.50)
SNOOKER: Royal Liver Assurance UK Championship (Preston). World Amateur Championship (Bristol)

SUNDAY

FOOTBALL

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Arsenal v Blackburn (12 45).
ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Birmingham v Leicester (2.55). Watford v Norwich (2.55). Second division: Carlisle v Wycombe. Third division: Hereford v Cardiff (12.0).
SCOTTISH COCA-COLA CUP: Final: Aberdeen v Dundee (Hampden Park)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Kick-off 3 0 unless stated

REGAL TROPHY: Third round: Batley v Warrington (3 15); Dewsbury v Rochdale Hornets. Huddersfield v Wigan (3.30). Hull v St Helens (3 15), Hunslet v Carlisle (3.30). Leeds v Bradford Bulls, Workington Town v Widnes.
STONES CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Bramley v York. Doncaster v Leigh: Hull K R v Highfield (3 15). Swinton v Chorley

OTHER SPORTS

BADMINTON: Scottish Open (Kelvin Hall, Glasgow)
BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Sheffield v Leicester (6.15). Leopards v Doncaster (5 0). 7UP Trophy: Quarter-finals, first leg: Chester v Birmingham (5 0): Second leg: London v Thames Valley (5 0)
BOXING: World Boxing Organisation super-middleweight championship: Steve Collins (Dublin, holder) v Cornelius Carr (Middlesbrough) (The Point, Dublin): Commonwealth lightweight championship: Billy Schwer (Luton, holder) v David Ooditetteh (Ghana) (Dagenham)
SNOOKER: Royal Liver Assurance UK Championship (Preston)

SCHOOLS SPORT

RUGBY UNION

Ampleforth 9 Hymers 10
Bedford 23 Haberdashers' Aske's 8
Bethany 16 Skinners 5
Blundell's 13 King's, Taunton 13
Bryanston 17 Bristol GS 5
Cheltenham 67 Loughborough GS 3
Christ's Hospital 26 Caterham 15
Cranbrook 44 Kent Col 0
Durham 15 St Peter's, York 3
Giggleswick 21 St Bees 20
Harrow 16 Haileybury 21
Hurstpierpoint 8 Brighton 10
John Fisher 23 St Dunstan's 3
Kelly 15 Plymouth 3
King's, Bruton 43 Monkton Combe 7
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Champions capitalise on England's errors to take the honours at Twickenham

South Africa confirm new world order

England 14
South Africa 24

By David Hands
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE day that vibrant, passionate sport is reduced to dry statistics is the day that people will stop packing the world's great stadiums, but Twickenham on Saturday produced a curious set of figures. England dominated possession, dominated the penalty count, and lost the match to the world champions by the dominant ratio of three tries to one.

Even the scoreline is misleading. South Africa had one perfectly valid try disallowed, and Joel Stransky, their leading goalkicker, missed six of his nine attempts. Stransky was apologetic for the punch that sent Ben Clarke to hospital with a bruised cheekbone: he will have been even sorrier that he could not turn a thoroughly professional victory into a rout.

South Africa have now disposed of the best teams in the world within six months. Australia, France, New Zealand and England have fallen like plums. They have paced themselves remarkably well, playing a contained and containing game. No wonder Francois Pienaar, blood trickling down his jutting jaw, could say: "This has been one of the best years of my life and one of the best South African rugby will ever have."

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A South African also put his finger on the reason for England's ills. "I think they missed their two pit-bulls," Kitch Christie, the coach, said. Brian Moore and Dean Richards have been physically replaced, but psychologically this was a fragile side.

Neither Clarke, who had an outstanding game, nor Robinson could provide that earthy nous upon which England have been so dependent, and others of whom more might have been expected could not do so, either. Rodber was hindered from the start by a badly bruised shoulder, and his place is now threatened by Dallaglio, who made far more of the 13 minutes of his first cap than anyone had a right to expect.

No team, though, should expect the indecision displayed by Underwood and Carling that gifted South Africa five vital points just before half-time. They dithered so badly that Williams was able to hack on a loose pass from Carling, gather and score, to compensate for the try disallowed ten minutes earlier because Jim Fleming believed that Williams had not grounded the ball correctly.

Underwood had one of his most diffident days in an England back division that could make nothing of first-rate possession. The unfortunate Carling left the match on a stretcher, concussed in an awkward fall, and though the crowd rose to his unconscious departure, it was more a gesture for a popular leader than for his efforts on the day.

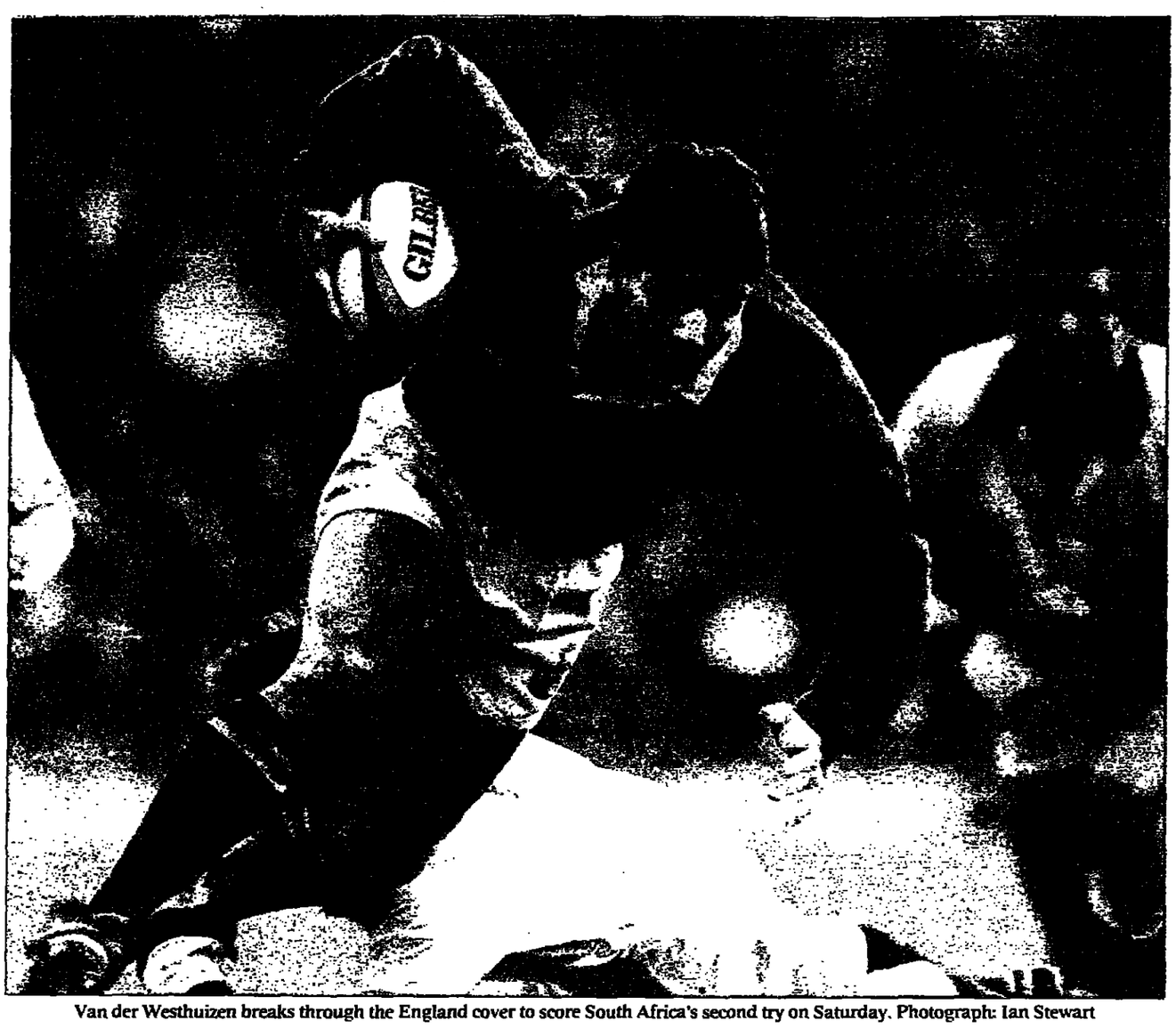
He will serve the mandatory three-week rest, but hopes to be available against Western Samoa on December 16. It might, though, be no bad thing for England to live up to their word, to operate their squad system, and to give de Glanville — who rubbed salt into Carling's wounds by scoring with almost his first touch of the ball — a full game alongside Guscott, the only midfield back to offer a genuine cutting edge.

Even he, however, fell prey to the England sin of losing the ball in contact. An expansive game implies that possession is kept, and England turned over ball after ball for Van der Westhuizen or Joubert to kick back into the wide, empty spaces. South Africa offered a game with no such pretensions. Instead, their muscular forwards made punishing runs over the advantage line, or snapped up the loose gifts left them.

The South African defensive sponge soaked up England's better moments. Their set-piece work, a cause for worry earlier in the week, had improved out of recognition. "We stayed away from England's strengths," Christie said, though, other than in the lineout, such strengths were not always visible.

The running game came into its own when the South Africa tryline was but a distant vista, and when, in the second minute of injury time, Catt twisted out of a tackle and sent de Glanville over, the result was already settled.

Yet England must persist with Catt. His game lacks authority, as does Bracken's, though that may come. Until it does, England will suffer because they are a side which prospers with strong tactical direction. They may have prepared for what Jack Rowell, their manager, calls "chaos ball", but they will seldom enjoy it. "I think we could have got closer if we had played more responsibly," was the hardest criticism Rowell had. Privately, his thoughts will have been less civilised.



Van der Westhuizen breaks through the England cover to score South Africa's second try on Saturday. Photograph: Ian Stewart

SCORERS: England: Try: de Glanville. Penalty goals: Catt (3). South Africa: Tries: Williams (2), Van der Westhuizen. Penalty goals: Stransky (3).

ENGLAND: J E B Catt (Bath); D P Hopley (Wasps), W D C Carling (Harlequins, captain); J C Guscott (Bath), R Underwood (Leicester/RAF), M J Catt (Bath); K P P Bracken (Bristol), J Leonard (Harlequins), M P Regan (Bristol), V E Ubogu (Bath), T A K Rodber (Northampton/Army), M O Johnson (Leicester), M C Bayfield (Northampton), R A Robinson (Bath), B B Clarke (Bath). Rodber replaced by L B N Dallaglio (Wasps, 67 min), Carling replaced by P R de Glanville (Bath, 76).

SOUTH AFRICA: A J Joubert (Natal), J Olivier (Northern Transvaal), J C Mulder (Transvaal), H P le Roux (Transvaal), C M Williams (Western Province), J T Stransky (Western Province), J H van der Westhuizen (Northern Transvaal), A van der Linde (Western Province), J Dalton (Transvaal), T G Laubscher (Western Province), R J Kruger (Northern Transvaal), J J Wiese (Transvaal), M G Andrews (Natal), F J van Heerden (Western Province), J F Pienaar (Transvaal, captain). Olivier replaced by J T Small (Natal, 46), Kruger replaced by R A W Straeuli (Transvaal, 63).

Referee: J Fleming (Scotland).

Half backs need variation on expansive theme



Rob Andrew, the former England stand-off half, offers some advice to his successor

International matches last 80 minutes, but they can turn on a few seconds. At Twickenham on Saturday, the seconds either side of half-time left England chasing the game, whereas before they had enjoyed a position of comparative ascendancy.

They should have turned round at 6-6 and in a good position to put in a strong start to the second half; instead, they lost a psychologically damaging try to Chester Williams, from unforced errors, just before the interval, and then conceded another to Joost van der Westhuizen within a minute of the restart.

The play which led up to the lineout from which Van der Westhuizen scored was less than inspired, but everyone knows how well he can exploit the short side. He dived down it, the defence could not stop him, and suddenly the game was over because South Africa's defence is so well organised it was hard to see them conceding a ten-point lead.

England will be disappointed because the game was there for the taking, and such opportunities occur very rarely. Two years ago, many supporters enjoyed their best day at Twickenham when New Zealand were beaten; here we had the world champions, not at the height of their powers — which is hardly surprising at the end of their long season — but England could not grasp the prize.

They recovered from a tentative start, discovered South Africa were far from superhuman, and the forwards established the sort of platform from which they could fashion a winning game. There can be few better lineout pairings in world rugby than the two Martins, Johnson and Bayfield, and the refereeing of Jim Fleming allowed them to show their skills by preserving the space that the law demands.

Other referees have allowed them to be buffeted off the ball — notably in Cape Town against South Africa last year — but here they operated well, which reflected credit on Mark Regan's throwing in his first international. The problems occurred after that. Rugby, any sport, is about making the right decisions at the right time, and South Africa's quality players did that more frequently than England's.

Even on a day when Stransky was not on top of his form, they scored three tries playing to a limited plan. England's approach may have been broader but their understanding of what is required to play the well-advertised "expansive" game may require some refinement. You have to achieve a balance between attractive rugby and sensible, hard-nosed international football.

That means putting territorial pressure on the opposition — the way Joubert does. The England half backs had the ball through their hands a lot but they lacked variation. Bracken did not kick all afternoon, and only late in the game did he make a couple of breaks, which were his forte when he first game into the side — strong running round the fringes, and box-kicking.

> 'You have to react and strike a balance'

The No 9 must help to take pressure off his partner, he has to interest the opposing back row and keep them honest, but Bracken was feeding Catt all the time. It is fair to say that both of them deserve time to settle: in the past I got it wrong and I was fortunate to get three years in which to find my feet.

These are pressure positions in which time and space are denied and mistakes occur. Playing well behind Bath's pack, going forward most of the time as Catt does, is not particularly relevant to playing international rugby against the world champions, or even in the cauldron of the five nations' championship.

England had talked themselves into playing the game in one particular style but you have to react to what is happening in front of you, and if that means kicking 50 or 60 metres downfield into the opposing half and playing from there, you do it — not just the stand-off half, all the backs, it is a shared responsibility.

Catt will also know that it is unwise to let his views be known quite so publicly about how the game should be played. People supporting England expect and demand success, and the players are there to be shot at. That is the name of the game now.

Symbolic pair provide inspiration for a nation



Simon Barnes
At Twickenham

This was the match which launched New England at New Twickenham. But, in truth, these were but side issues as New South Africa carried the day and completed with a muted flourish their *annus mirabilis*.

New Twickenham, strangely like Old Twickenham, is a bleakly functional "magnificent" stadium with a hole in one end. Any invidious comparison with New England is wholly appropriate. Substantial and costly rebuilding is still required.

New South Africa are not without grimness and functionality themselves. They did not come to Twickenham to play festival rugby, that is for sure. But no holes.

Their victory was utterly comprehensive. England's comparative respectability came about because a good try was disallowed and because Stranksy was apparently kicking in winkle-pickers, perhaps for a bet. Add another 15 or 20 points to the score if you want to get real.

It had been a long year for South Africa, the nation and the rugby team, and a year that nobody would have predicted a few years back. Still less would you have expected to feel glad. But, amid the ruins of New England and the flawed grandiosity of New Twickenham, a muted cheer for New South Africa was more than a trifle appropriate.

It is a tiring job, ruling the world, and the South Africans were dog-tired men at the start of this game — dog-tired men buoyed by the magic juices of confrontation. At the end, they were ready to drop, bowed down under the wearying weight of joy.

They had done it: gone through the year undefeated. World Cup and all. They have managed 15 games undefeated, winning the last 14. They did so by being tight and solid and disciplined and all kinds of important, boring things like that. But, crucially, they have also been capable of adding to any game a dose of inspiration and invention.

It is perhaps too obviously "symbolic" to point out that the principal sources of inspiration are an Afrikaner scrum-half named Van der Westhuizen and a black winger named Williams. Obvious, yes, but sporting symbols are never subtle. However, if a sport can, indeed, reflect more important things than messing about in the mud with a pointy ball, then there is something extra to cheer in the way the two men scored the three tries that defeated England.

Have you noticed how many times the aforementioned pointy ball will, when rolling along the ground, bounce up merrily into the hands of a very good player? And how often it just eludes the grasp of a mediocre one? This is called getting a good bounce: players like Williams get an awful lot of them.

He got two on Saturday afternoon, gathering his own kick after a moment of wild folly from Carling — not quite Will's first this year — and then sweeping up a sweet, Glenn Hoddle-type, angled kick from Joubert.

Van der Westhuizen's effort was a thing of real beauty. They were individual moments, but neither of the players involved would want to talk about anything except collective effort.

Van der Westhuizen began his rugby career as a stand-out superstar who bored the pants off everybody by trying to win every game on his own. He told me this himself. Now he wants to be known as a team man through and through: us the team: us. New South Africa.

This passionate identity with a common cause is something England — I think we are still talking about rugby teams here, but let it go — have lacked for some time. England lost to New Zealand in the semi-final of the World Cup by the bizarre tactic of leaving the fearsome Lomu to a single man, and then watching Lomu dismantle him and, incidentally, England. Plan A: find someone to blame.

South Africa beat New Zealand in the final, and neutralised Lomu. "You couldn't get to Lomu," Van der Westhuizen said. "You had to tackle most of your own team before you could even get close. *Everyone* wanted to tackle him."

Therein lies the difference between New South Africa and both Old and New England. Thus South African rugby, once a symbol of division, has become a symbol of unity. It has, indeed, been a wonderful year. These Boks deserved their climactic victory.

Now, at last, they have a couple of months off before it all starts again. The world of New Rugby — that is to say, professionalism — is one transition that South Africa never expected any trouble with. In the new year they travel to Australia and New Zealand.

Thus the various honeymoons will be over, and South Africa, the rugby team and various other aspects of national life, move into new days, new troubles, new challenges. A period of magic has been loaned to them, but nothing lasts but only for a time. It would be a churlish person who did not wish them luck.

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Public notice for the expenditure of capital under Section 75.
The trustees of the FREDERICK BRADY MEMORIAL FUND No 218439 HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that they have passed a resolution under the above provisions for the following purposes:-
Authorising the expenditure of the Fund capital as income and the winding up of the fund.
Any interested person wishing to make representations regarding this said Resolution may do so, quoting the registered reference at the head of this notice, within a period of six weeks of the date of this notice by writing to the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales at Woodfield House, Tangier, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 4BL
Signed 25.10.95
J S C CHANDLER
Senior Trustee

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No 005861 of 1995
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF S F H COCOA LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 8th November 1995 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above named company from £3,000,000 to £2,400,000 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the company as altered the several particulars required by the above mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 13th November 1995
DATED the 16th day of November 1995
Thomas Cooper & Stibbard
50 Leadenhall Street, London EC3A 2BU
Ref ABW/SJS
Solicitors for the above named Company

LEGAL NOTICES

CROWN CONSERVATORY SYSTEMS LIMITED
In Administrative Receivership
Registered Number: 2741868
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a general meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above named Company will be held at the offices of Messrs BDO Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA on Friday 24th November 1995 at 10.00 hrs for the purpose of having a report laid before the meeting and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Administrative Receivers. A form of proxy is available which, if to be used at the meeting, must be completed in accordance with the guidance notes provided therein, and lodged at BDO Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA not later than 12.00 hrs on Thursday 23 November 1995. Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers, not later than 12.00 hrs on Thursday 23rd November 1995, details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the Company and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of The Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers, any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
Dated 7 November 1995
R Hosking - Jr Administrative Receiver

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Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act 1986 that meetings of the creditors of the above named companies will be held at Sherlock House, 7 Kendrick Place, London W1H 3PF on 8th December 1995 at 10.00 am, 10.30 am 11.30 am and 12.00 noon respectively for the purposes provided for in the Section 98 of Sea.
A list of the names and addresses of the above Companies Creditors can be inspected at offices of Latham Crossley & Davis, Sherlock House, 7 Kendrick Place, London, W1H 3FF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meetings of Creditors
Dated this 16th November 1995
I FOX, Director

Lins Reaction Limited (Formerly EWA Limited)
The Insolvency Act and Rules 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106, I Lee Antony Manning of Buchler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF, give notice that on 15 November 1995 I was appointed Liquidator by resolutions of members.
Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before 22 December 1995 to send in their full christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Lee Antony Manning of 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF, the Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution.
Note This notice is purely formal All creditors have been or will be paid in full
Dated: 15 November 1995
Lee Antony Manning, Liquidator

MORGAN OVERSEAS TRANSPORT LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DAVID ALAN ROLPH of MOORE STEPHENS BOOTH WHITE, 1 SNOW HILL, LONDON, EC1A 2EN was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 9 November 1995.
Creditors are required on or before 22 December 1995 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts to the Liquidator and, if so required by notice in writing from the Liquidator, are to come in and prove their debts or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved
Dated this 15 day of November 1995
DAVID A ROLPH, Liquidator
NB This notice is purely formal All known creditors have been or will be paid in full

CH 1995 H NO 4987
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE TRUSTEE ACT 1926
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE TRUSTS OF THE PROCEEDS OF SALE OF 11 NORTHWOOD ROAD, FOREST HILL, LONDON SE23
BETWEEN
HALIFAX BUILDING SOCIETY Plaintiff
- and -
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To Michael Terence Thomas late of 11 Northwood Road, Forest Hill, London SE23 and 170 Sydenham Road, London SE26
TAKE NOTICE that an action has been commenced against you in the High Court Chancery Division CH-1995-H-4987 by the Halifax Building Society in which the Plaintiff's claim to determine the entitlement of the Defendants in the net proceeds of sale of 11 Northwood Road, Forest Hill, London SE23
And it has been ordered that service of the Originating Summons and the Notice of Appointment in the said action on you as the Third Defendant in this action be effected by this advertisement. Further take notice that you must within 14 days from the publication of this advertisement inclusive of the day of such publication acknowledge service of the said Originating Summons by completing a prescribed form of Acknowledgement of Service which may be obtained on request from the solicitors whose name and address appear below otherwise Judgment may be entered against you.
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Ref: KAL/HBS/NORTHWOOD
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No 006968 of 1995
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
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AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 9th day of November 1995 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company from £1,938,834 to £854,099 by reducing the Share Premium Account and transferring the sum arising from such reduction to a special reserve designated and to be referred to as a "Special Capital Reserve" to be applied against goodwill and written off in accordance with the provisions of the Statement of Standard Accounting Practice No 22
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard at the Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on the 29th day of November 1995.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
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Mains departs on successful note with emphatic triumph at Parc des Princes

New Zealand's variety act too much for France

France 12
New Zealand 37

FROM GERALD DAVIES IN PARIS

ONE NEEDS to go back to 1906 to find New Zealand registering a higher score than this against France. They managed an extra point then, but it is doubtful if they demonstrated a better mixture of the delicate arts and the application of power than they did at Parc des Princes on Saturday.

Laurie Mains could not have wished for a sweeter swansong to his four years as the All Blacks coach, after France's victory in Toulouse a week earlier. Doubtless, were there to be another match in the offing, he would, as a taciturn and hard-to-please New Zealander, suggest that there are areas to improve and that he did not care for the way his players allowed France to score with nine minutes remaining.

For the moment, he permitted himself to admit, with a hint of a smile which is in itself a rarity, that he was happy to witness such a "great performance in a great Test match". To apply the epithet "great" to the game and for it to have any conviction, the result needed to be closer than it was. Yet it was not too far from the truth. There was abundant movement across the width of the pitch and a committed physical presence in the close quarters by both teams. There was also variety aplenty.

To succeed, the All Blacks needed to overcome the taller and heavier France forwards. "Here was an indication of where the game may develop in the future," Mains said afterwards. "Rugby does not belong necessarily to the biggest men. It is technique that matters. We were not as big as the French, but we proved that we were technically very sound in the front five."

Apart from the first scrum, New Zealand established sufficient control to disorientate their opponents. More critically, in the lineout, Ian Jones, as he did in the World Cup final, had an authoritative match. Zinzan Brooke and Barry were also dominant when the long throws arrived with them at the back.

"This gave us options which were not possible in Toulouse," Mains said. "The turbulent wind a week ago restricted the way we wished



Mains: victorious exit

to play. France could more easily close us down and stop us playing our more open game." In Paris, in ideal conditions, France could not do so and the All Blacks thrived with their long lineouts and long passes.

But it was not a case this time of passing willy-nilly to bring the might of Lomu into play and to force the winger to ply his awesome trade in unpromising positions. Sometimes there were drives by Michael Jones and the Brooke brothers; sometimes there were neat kicks by Marshall, high ones by Culhane and diagonal ones by Bunce. Then Rush might be released on the wing or Osborne in midfield.

Not that France should be left out of the picture. They contributed substantially to the thrilling contest. Their threats, though, were sporadic. New Zealand's persistent and ultimately irresistible.

Benetton and Benazzi were towers of strength in the loose and the tight, while N'Tamack needed only to see the narrowest glimpse of light to make a break. But there were too many handling errors and the French were severely punished for being offside. Four of the five first-half penalties were for that infringement and contributed to New Zealand's comfortable lead at the interval.

There were two superb tries in the first half. The first gave the home team the lead. Sadourny making a clean break to let Saint-André in for the try. The second came after Bunce supplied Rush, who unsteadied Sadourny and ran 40 metres to score.

After the interval, Osborne ignored Lomu to go all the way on his own, then Ian Jones, finding himself on the wing, got his try. Finally, Lomu got in on the act, avoiding four tackles to score under the posts. Saint-André gathered Dourthe's kick to get his second try not long before the end.

SCORERS: France: Tries: Saint-André (2). Conversion: Castagnede. New Zealand: Tries: Rush, Osborne, I Jones, Lomu Conversion: Culhane. Penalty goals: Culhane (5)

FRANCE: J-L Sadourny, E N'Tamack, R Dourthe, T Castagnede, P Saint-André, A Penaud, P Carbonneaux; L Bénézech, M de Rougemont, C Califano, P Benetton, O Merle, F Pelous, A Carminati, A Benazzi. Bénezech replaced by S Graou (40min). Carminati replaced by M Lievremont (28).

NEW ZEALAND: G Osborne; E Rush, F Bunce, W Little, J Lomu, S Culhane, J Marshall; G Dowd, S Fitzpatrick, G Brown, L Barry, I Jones, R Brooke, M Jones, Z Brooke. Dowd replaced by R Loe (62)

Referee: M Marshall (Australia).



Ian Jones, of New Zealand, manages to force his way over despite the attentions of N'Tamack, of France

Irish make most of height and weight advantage

Ireland 44
Fiji 8

FROM JOHN HOPKINS IN DUBLIN

THE immediate future of Irish rugby, not the immediate past, was on show at Lansdowne Road on Saturday. The joyful, feckless play with which Irish teams have delighted, confounded and infuriated their supporters down the years was banished. In its place was the clinical rugby with which the All Blacks have traditionally despatched opponents.

A change was to be expected after Ireland had bidden farewell to the Murphys — Gerry, the coach, and Noel, the manager — in the summer and replaced them with Murray Kidd, a New Zealander, as coach, and Pat Whelan, a former Ireland hooker, as manager.

The change from the Ireland that flattered only to deceive in South Africa in May and June to the men who ruthlessly suppressed Fiji was effected more quickly than even Kidd and Whelan had expected. Never less than magnanimous in defeat, the Irish seemed quite surprised at the magnitude of this victory — 25 points more than Wales had scored against almost the same side seven days earlier.

Ireland did not so much beat Fiji as squeeze the life out of them, dominating the lineouts, controlling the scrums, dictating the way and the pace at which the game was played. Significantly, half their tries were scored by forwards.

Near the end, Fiji were kicking as a means of attack, which is a rare sight, and their only try came in injury time in the second half. Brad Johnstone, the former All Black prop who is now technical adviser to the Fijian rugby union, said that his forwards did not have the size, weight or upper body strength to compete at this level — conveniently forgetting that his team had done well against Wales.

Having seen Wales struggle against Fiji, Ireland selected big men to win the ball and a scrum half whom they hoped could pass quickly and direct play more successfully than recent incumbents. Both decisions were vindicated in a most encouraging display.

SCORERS: Ireland: Tries: Johns, Francis, Staples, R Wallace, Geoghegan, P Wallace. Conversions: Burke (4) Penalty goals: Burke (2). Fiji: Try: Masirewa. Penalty goal: Waqa.

IRELAND: J Staples (Harlequins, captain); R Wallace (Garryowen), M Field (Malone), J Bell (Northampton), S Geoghegan (Bath); P Burke (Cork Constitution), C Sevenmutto (Sale), N Popplewell (Wasps), T Kingston (Dolphin), P Wallace (Blackrock College), J Davidson (Dungannon), G Fulcher (Cork Constitution), N Francis (Old Belvedere), D Corkery (Terenure College), P Johns (Dungannon). Kingston replaced by A Clarke (Northampton), 74min. Davidson replaced by McBride (Malone), 75

FIJI: F Rayasa, P Bale, S Sorovaki, L Little, M Ban, J Waqa, J Rauluni, J Veitayaki, G Smith, E Naituvau, T Tamanavalu, E Vaitalai, A Nadolo, W Masirewa, I Tawai-e

Referee: P O'Brien (New Zealand).

Lacklustre Scotland let off the hook by Samoans



Chalmers: torrid afternoon

Mark Souster sees the visitors left to rue their indiscipline and lack of a kicker

SCOTLAND do not enjoy the month of November; remember, remember New Zealand and South Africa? Western Samoa, though, were supposed to change all that. But, after honours were shared in a drab, shapeless 15-15 draw at Murrayfield on Saturday, it was the Scots who breathed a sigh of relief while the islanders headed for England panting with frustration.

They know that, having crawled their way back to parity with second-half tries by Leaupepe and Kaleta, they should have won and would have done so had Kellett not missed a conversion from in front of the posts.

One could understand Pat Lam, their captain's, exasperation. With a point to prove to the world after being excluded from the southern hemisphere Super 12 series, Lam had described the match as the most important in his country's history. This then was the one that got away.

"My principal emotion is one of frustration that we created chances but were unable to capitalise on them," he said. "Yes, we scored two tries to nil and that is a nice statistic, but our guys had a hollow feeling at the end, reflecting the knowledge that here was a match we should have won and didn't."

Although they only shared the spoils, they did more than enough to justify a place at the high table of the world game. Not even the most one-eyed home supporter would deny that the Samoans were superior in many areas; they enjoyed a surfeit of lineout possession, freewheeled in open play, and, but for their ridiculous indiscipline — the penalty count was 17-3 against — and the lack of a reliable kicker, they would have ended their short tour of Scotland with their first victory at Murrayfield.

Although there will not be the bloodletting that followed last autumn's calamity against the Springboks, once again for Scotland, the high expectation of a November fixture swiftly evaporated.

Whether these games come too soon in a domestic season is a matter for conjecture but perhaps Jim Telfer, the chairman of selectors, is right: the jump from club to country is just too great and district rugby is the answer. Whatever; although they could point to retirements, injuries and suspension, Scotland were a bitter disappointment.

Telfer refused to offer excuses. "We didn't secure enough source ball, we didn't find any genuine rhythm, and we simply did not do well at the lineout," he said. "We will have to look very carefully at these areas prior to the five nations' championship and we will need to sharpen our defence."

Scotland were not helped by the performance of Craig Chalmers. The old head, playing his 47th game, had a torrid afternoon and repeatedly played into Samoa's hands by missing touch — including four successive penalties. They were mistakes which put his side under unnecessary extra pressure. So it was fortunate that, despite all their pre-match misgivings about who would succeed Gavin Hastings, Michael Dods should rise to the occasion and five times make Samoa pay for their errors.

SCORERS: Scotland: Penalty goals: Dods (5) Western Samoa: Tries: Leaupepe, Kaleta. Conversion: Kellett. Penalty goal: Kellett.

SCOTLAND: R Shepherd (Melrose), M Dods (Northampton), G Townsend (Northampton), G Shiel (Melrose), K Logan (Stirling County), C Chalmers (Melrose), B Redpath (Melrose), D Hilton (Bath), J Hay (Hawick), P Burnell (London Scottish), R Wainwright (West Hartlepool), G Weir (Melrose), D Cronin (Bourgoes), I Smith (Gloucester), S Reid (Boroughmuir). S Campbell (Dundee HSFP) temporarily replaced Smith, 18-21min and 47-48min.

WESTERN SAMOA: V Pelu, B Lima, T Vaega, G Leaupepe, A Tekea, D Kelesi, J Filemu, M Mika, T Lelasamavao., P Fatialofa, S Kaleta, L Falamiko, P Leavasa, S Vaifale, P Lam.

Referee: T Henning (South Africa).

'Poor relation' St George's flies the flag for lacrosse in state sector

BY JOHN GOODBODY

IN MANY people's minds lacrosse is associated with the sight of the girls of St Trinians, fearsomely waving their netted sticks while pursuing George Cole across the cinema screen.

This is unfair to a sport that makes such varied physical and technical demands on players. However, its popularity at teenage level in Britain remains rooted in independent girls' schools.

St George's, Harpenden, is an exception. This mixed, voluntary-aided comprehensive of almost 900 pupils, of whom 150 are boarders, is one of the few state schools which plays lacrosse. St George's is playing matches every weekend this winter but all the fixtures are against independent schools.

Veronica Jarvis, a former England international, who has been teaching at St George's since 1973, said: "We are really between the devil and the deep blue sea. To other state schools we are seen as a bit snobby because we play lacrosse, whereas a few independents regard us as the poor relations."

However, St George's always gets a warm reception when it plays in the national schools' tournaments. It is regarded as a pioneer in the state sector, where "pop lacrosse", a mixed-sex version has attracted many primary schools. On Saturday morning, St George's got a warm reception, too, when its teams arrived in Abingdon, Oxfordshire. The frost was barely out of the ground and the teams representing the School of St Helen and St Katharine had been warming up for an hour, led by Jess Harrison, who the previous weekend had finished eighth in the world triathlon championships in Mexico.

Harrison, however, had to be at her most nimble in goal to stop the attacks of St George's and the explosive shooting of Felicity White, an East Territorial junior player who scored three goals. However, her efforts were not enough to prevent the visitors losing 7-6. White said: "Our teamwork was good, but our stick work was not. It was so cold. It was hard to grip the stick."

SPORT IN SCHOOLS

White plays in midfield and in this free-flowing sport a top-class midfield player will run up to eight miles in a match. She took up lacrosse when she arrived at St George's and thought the game was like tossing pancakes. "Actually we learn the stick technique by practising with a netball. I was quite intrigued."

Another East Territorial junior player is the St George's goalkeeper, Kathryn Foord, 18. She said: "I was not desperately keen on sport, but I enjoy lacrosse. Most people are scared of the ball but I do not mind people chucking balls at me."

Her most difficult problem in goal is to judge the bounce and deviation of the ball. Most shots are downwards on to the grass, just in front of the goal, from where the ball can slither, jump or spin.

Foord wants to study music after taking her A levels but is struggling to find a university where both the music and the lacrosse are flourishing.

Parents at St George's do not resent the fact that lacrosse, rather than hockey, is the principal winter sport for girls. The school has had three old girls represent England in the past two decades and has had several teachers with a specialist knowledge of the sport.

Kathy McMorrow, the head of girls' PE, said: "A lot of teachers who have experienced the sport at school then go back into the independent schools." However, few PE colleges offer the sport. This is a shame for the players and the spectators because, as there are no sidelines, the supporters sometimes become, quite literally, the centre of the action.

SCORERS: St Helen and St Katharine: Hayes (2), Steele (2), May, Glyn, Rhodes. St George's: White (3), Shaws, Saunders, Seddleton

ST HELEN AND ST KATHARINE: N Hayes, J Tattersall, A Dinnis, K Steele, F Samuels, J Harrison, K May, K Russell, H Glyn, H Talbot, H Rhodes, C Dexter.

ST GEORGE'S: J Clechan, L Shaws, F White, E Mealey, A Tissell, S McNamara, K Turner, E New, E Spencer (sub: C Saddleton), E Snell, T Stranders, K Foord.

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Christian Dymond tries his hand at octopush — underwater 'hockey' with a two-and-a-half-pound puck

The silent clash of the squid pushers



Pooling resources: the trick in octopush is to pass the puck before you run out of breath, preferably to a team-mate who has just returned from the surface with full lungs

SPORT FOR ALL

Spit into your mask, wipe the saliva around the inside of the lens and then rinse in water. Nothing apparently works as cheaply and well as spittle to prevent fogging up in the swimming pool. Poor vision is the last thing you want when you're playing octopush.

Next step is to don fins. They used to be called flippers but fins sounds more racey even though wearing socks is recommended to prevent foot rub. And walk backwards once you've got them on. It's a lot easier, says James Cassidy, a scuba diver for 13 years and a member of the Farnham and Guildford octopush club.

Now for the snorkel. Grip it between the molars, take a breath through your mouth before you dive and and then clear the snorkel by blowing out either just before or just as you surface. Then repeat the procedure.

"Confidence in being underwater is very important," says Clare Straiton, development officer for the British Octopush Association and another member of the Farnham and Guildford club.

With up to six players on each side the aim is to flick or push the 2½lb lead puck into the opposition's three metre wide metal trough. In other words their goal or gulley.

Next come the heavily rubberised gloves, essential to protect the knuckles against rubbing on the bottom of the pool and accidental rapping by other players.

Finally the slightly curved stick — the pusher — which looks like a thick spatula and is usually hand-made of wood or plastic. It is about one foot long, half handle, and the outside edge of the blade is slanted so you can flick the puck fairly easily off the bottom. Some people drill holes in the pusher to reduce its resistance to water.

In competition the blade is marked black or white to identify the two teams. Further identification is provided by the the light and dark water polo hats (with ear protectors). The game is played for 15 minutes each way — swapping ends is important when the pool has a significant slope.

With so much else to concentrate on beneath the surface, I realised, during my first attempt at the game, the importance of not having to worry about your breathing. Sadly my snorkelling technique was not quite up to scratch. Nor had I really mastered the art of the duck dive or "finning" along the bottom of the pool, though I was quite proud of my puck pushing. While I was reduced to the role of underwater spectator, I did at least get a fish-eye view of this extraordinary game.

At the Spectrum Leisure Centre, in Guildford, the teams lined up at each end of the pool and, on the referee's whistle, swam towards the puck placed in the middle. Thereafter, it looked like every man for himself — although, of course, it isn't.

Players dribble and pass the puck along the bottom. They dummy, twist, tackle and seem to thrash around at random. Then they bob up for air but quick as a flash they're down again to resume battle. The secret is in the timing. Get rid of the puck just before you need some oxygen and preferably to someone on your own side who has got a lung full. Team work is essential.

Clare Straiton, a member of the Great Britain women's team since 1988, says it's vital to keep your body as close and parallel to the bottom as possible when you are in possession of the puck. This cuts down on the possibility of the opposition swimming underneath and nabbing it.

In serious games up to four substitutes can be waiting on the side of the pool but they can't get in until the person retiring is completely out of the water. Substitutions are made extremely quickly.

From above, the game certainly looks bizarre: heads breaking water on the way up and bottoms and fins breaking water on the way down. I'm told that octopush is not a great spectator sport but it's marvellous fun to play.

"It's a fast game, extremely good exercise and a wonderful escape after the working day. I know of some people who prefer it to a romantic meal," says Matthew Moore, a member of the Islington octopush team in London. He first played in the Orkney Islands, where one of the 120-plus teams nationwide is based.

Like many octopushers Mr Moore is a diver. The game originated at the Southsea sub-aqua club in the 1950s when divers were looking for exercise during the winter months. In the early days there were eight to a team and the puck was known as a squid — a name that still survives.

Mr Moore's coach and captain at Islington is 58-year-old Dennis Simpson — the living proof that octopush is a family sport: Mr Simpson's son, Clive, plays for Great Britain, his brother, David, is the GB coach and manager while David's sons, Greg and Clifton, also play for Britain.

At the Farnham and Guildford club there are regular training sessions for children and adults and, like most teams they play in local leagues. They also play in the Nautilus (national) league and in a countrywide knock-out championship.

Grant Davidson, another member of the Farnham and Guildford club, says: "It's an ideal sport for me as a bad back means I can't play rugby or squash but I enjoy swimming."

Arbiters of law and order in competitive games are two referees in the water and one on the side. The two in the water watch for infringements which include barging an opponent off the puck or touching the puck with anything other than the blade.

Any transgression and the referee sticks his yellow gloved hand up through the water. This galvanizes the pool side referee into sounding a gong which reverberates in the deep. The game stops immediately.

As Clare Straiton explains: "It has to be a gong because nobody can talk under water. It's one of the sport's biggest challenges"

DIVING IN

☐ For details of the British Octopush Association send SAE to: BOA, Culver Farm, Old Compton Lane, Farnham, GU9 8EJ.

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Water polo cap	£5-£6
Gloves	£3-£5
Fins	£20
Pusher	£12-£15
Puck	£35

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

This is a hand from the BBL Premier League match between Sowter and Rosen. I was North and Brian Senior South.

Dealer West — East - West vul. — IMP's

	♠A643 ♥109 ♦J1073 ♣AJ2	
♠QJ87 ♥3 ♦AK42 ♣10975	N W E S	♠952 ♥KQJ6 ♦96 ♣K643
	♠K10 ♥A87542 ♦Q85 ♣Q8	

W	N	E	S
Pass	Pass	Pass	2♥
Double	Redouble	3♣	Pass
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

Contract: Three Hearts by South. Lead: King of Diamonds

Senior's weak Two Hearts in fourth seat showed around 8-11 points with a six-card suit. I do not play Weak Twos very much but I cannot see the objection to One Heart (or an old-fashioned Pass, come to that).

After One Heart you can pass a response of Two Clubs or Two Diamonds and when you rebid Two Hearts over 1 NT or One Spade you are no worse off — your partner will recognise that you are not all hearts, as you haven't opened a Weak Two.

I redoubled West's double to show a defensive type of hand. When Three Clubs came back to me I was in a similar position to someone who has redoubled a double of an opening One Heart. Bidding Three Hearts was horrible. First of all, if my partner had a Weak Two based on good hearts and offensive potential, he would have bid Three Hearts over Three Clubs — compare the sequence One Heart, Double, Redouble, Two Clubs.

Secondly, this is a classic 'law of total tricks' situation. In general, it is never right to compete at the three level if your side only has eight trumps and the opponents only eight or nine in their fit — if you are making your contract they will be going down in theirs.

So I should have passed (by the way, preserve me from players who double Three Clubs — altogether too keen at teams). Three Hearts went two down as Three Clubs would have done.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Quick win

Although Tony Miles, the British Grandmaster, continues to set the pace in the Linares Zonal tournament, the most remarkable game was played by the British champion, Matthew Sadler. After a mere 11 moves, his opponent, the Spanish Grandmaster, Miguel Illescas, threw in the towel.

White: Miguel Illescas
Black: Matthew Sadler
Linares Zonal, November 1995

Queen's Gambit Accepted

1	d4	d5
2	c4	dxc4
3	e4	Nc6
4	Be3	Nf6
5	Nc3	e5
6	d5	Na5
7	Nf3	Bd6
8	Qa4+	Bd7
9	Qxa5	a6
10	Nb1	Nxe4
11	Kd1	c3

White resigns

Diagram of final position



In the final position White's sole method of continuing is 12 b4 when 12 . . . b6 13 Qa3 a5 leaves Black with overwhelming compensation for his sacrificed piece.

Prize records

The Professional Chess Association have released figures for the top ten earners from the 1995 Intel Grand Prix. There were four legs held in Moscow, New York, London and Paris and the top ten in terms of prize-money earned were as follows:

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Garry Kasparov (Russ)	19	125,000
Vassily Ivanchuk (Ukr)	14	95,000
Vladimir Kramnik (Russ)	12	70,000
Vishy Anand (India)	11	60,000
Michael Adams (Eng)	6	35,000
Alexander Morozevich (Russ)	5	35,000
Jon Speelman (Eng)	4	30,000
Viktor Korchnoi (Switz)	4	20,000
Joel Lautier (Fr)	4	20,000
Alexei Dreev (Russ)	4	20,000

Schools' chess

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Times book

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☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

DYSLOGY
a. An illogicality
b. Unhappiness
c. Dispraise

UNASINOUS
a. Single-breasted
b. Equally silly
c. In agreement

BELOMANCY
a. Arrow prophecy
b. Fighting with beasts
c. Common fleabane

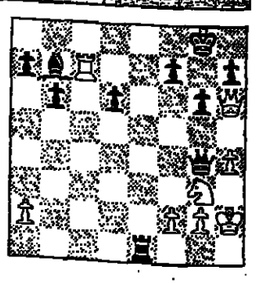
NODOSE
a. Refusing medicine
b. A hangman's knot
c. Knobbly

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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Madler - Uhlmann, Aschesleben 1963. Both sides' pieces are dangerously close to their opponents' kings. In such a situation, the move is crucial, and here it is Black's move. How did he make the most of this advantage?



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No insurance for bank theft by company

Deutsche Genossenschaftsbank v Burnhope and Others

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Lloyd of Berwick, Lord Nicholls of Birkenhead, Lord Steyn and Lord Hoffmann

[Speeches November 16]

A Lloyd's policy for insurance of banks which provided cover for financial losses for property lost through theft "committed by persons present on the premises" of the assured bank could only relate to crimes committed by natural persons on the bank's premises.

The parties could not be supposed to have had section 61 of the Law of Property Act 1925 in mind so as to have had in contemplation that a company might be present on the bank's premises and commit theft there. The section provided that in all contracts and other instruments "person" included a corporation, unless the context otherwise required.

The House of Lords so held by a majority, Lord Steyn dissenting, in allowing an appeal by the insurers: (i) Stephen James Burnhope, sued on his own behalf and on behalf of all other members of Syndicate No 1067 and on behalf of all other members of other syndicates at Lloyd's who were parties to the policies concerned; (ii) Great Lakes UK, per Municture General Services Ltd; (iii) The Copenhagen Reinsurance Co (UK) Ltd; (iv) Chubb Insurance Co of Europe and (v) Scor (UK) Reinsurance Co Ltd, from a majority decision dated October 27, 1994 of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Peter Gibson, Lord Justice Staughton dissenting) (unreported, CA (Civ Div) Transcript No 1252 of 1994) whereby the court allowed an appeal by the plaintiff bank, Deutsche Genossenschaftsbank, from a decision of Mr Justice Hobhouse ([1993] 2 Lloyd's Rep 518.)

Following a theft by Wallace Smith Trust Co Ltd, and Mr Wallace Duncan Smith, its chairman, of the company's securities and the insurers' refusal to pay, the bank issued a writ claiming the value of the securities and interest thereon.

Mr Justice Hobhouse had directed the trial of a preliminary issue of law as to whether the bank's points of claim disclosed a good cause of action and decided that the criminal offence of theft was committed by the chairman and through him by the company, but on the natural and ordinary meaning of the words in clause 2 of the insurance policy, theft had not been committed by any person present on the bank's premises because the only person present on the bank's premises was a junior employee of the company who had not been in any way dishonest or had committed any criminal offence.

Mr Gordon Langley, QC, and Mr Guy Philipps for the insurers; Mr David Donaldson, QC, and Mr Rory Phillips for the bank.

LORD KEITH said that the policy, described as a "bankers policy", covered the bank against direct financial losses suffered by it in a variety of circumstances.

The relevant provision was amended insuring clause 2 which, inter alia, provided: "By reason of property lost through: A (a) burglary, robbery or hold-up, or (b) theft, larceny or false pretences, committed by persons present on the premises of the [bank]. . ."

In April 1991 Wallace Smith Trust Co Ltd was a customer of the bank at its Aldersgate branch and had a credit line of up to £9 million secured by treasury bills and bank certificates of deposit of approximately that value.

On April 22, Mr Wallace Duncan Smith, the chairman of the company, asked the bank to agree to a variation of the credit terms whereby the bank would allow the company to take possession of the securities held by it until close of business on any day in exchange for a letter of undertaking by the company that the latter would produce specified securities acceptable to the bank by the close of business on that day. The bank did so agree.

On April 26, Mr Towers, a junior employee of the company, telephoned the bank and stated that the company wished to withdraw the securities held by the bank in exchange for a letter undertaking that the company would deliver alternative securities, namely a Credit Lyonnais certificate of deposit for £5 million and a Morgan Guaranty Trust Co certificate for £4 million. Those securities were acceptable to the bank.

Later that day Mr Towers attended at Aldersgate and handed over a letter signed by Mr Smith on behalf of the company undertaking to deliver to the bank that day, as soon as received by the company, the specified alternative securities. The original securities were handed over to Mr Towers. The alternative securities were in fact never delivered to the bank.

On April 29, the activities of the company were suspended on the orders of the Bank of England and Mr Smith was arrested. On the next day the Bank of England presented a petition to wind up the company and Mr Smith was charged with fraudulent trading under section 458 of the Companies Act 1985.

The company's credit line loan, amounting with accrued interest to £9,012,452.05, fell due for repayment on that day and the bank made a written demand for repayment. No repayment of any part of that sum had ever been made.

The bank claimed that it was entitled to recover from the insurers £9 million under amended insuring clause 2 of the policy, being the loss suffered by it through the securities having been stolen from it by the company or, alternatively, through its having been induced to hand over the securities by false pretences on the part of the company.

The insurers refused to pay, and the bank raised an action for payment and applied for summary judgment by summons in the Commercial Court. Mr Justice Hobhouse directed the trial of a preliminary issue of law as to whether the facts alleged by the bank's points of claim disclosed a good cause of action under the policy and decided against the bank.

On appeal by the bank, the majority in the Court of Appeal took the view that the company was present on the bank's premises through its representative Mr Towers, who did the act of appropriating the securities and that the company committed the theft.

But Lord Justice Staughton was of opinion that the parties to the contract on insurance were not concerned with such an artificial legal concept as the presence of a company in the bank but were concerned with the presence of actual live person. There was no theft by any real live person in the bank.

The reason why the company was guilty of theft was that its directing mind and will, Mr Smith, was himself guilty of theft. It was he who formed the dishonest intention of permanently depriving the bank of the securities, and who arranged for the innocent Mr Towers to deliver to the bank his letter containing false representations and to uplift the securities against it.

If there had been no company involved and it it had been Mr Smith as an individual to whom the bank had granted the loan and who had deposited his own securities with the bank, so that the theft was committed by Mr Smith alone, then it could not be said, consistently with the ordinary use of language, that Mr Smith was present in the bank when the securities were uplifted by Mr Towers.

Section 61 of the 1925 Act provided that in all contracts and other instruments "person" included a corporation unless the context otherwise required.

No doubt if Mr Smith himself had taken delivery of the securities in the premises of the bank, the company, as well as Mr Smith himself, would have been criminally liable for the theft and it could be said that the company had been present in the premises of the bank within the meaning of clause 2. In the situation where Mr Smith could not be said to be present on the bank's premises then neither could that be said of the company.

It was apparent that the purpose of clause 2A(a) was to limit in some way the liability of the insurers for theft from the bank.

What precisely was in contemplation was a matter of conjecture. It might have been some form of abstraction by electronic means, carried out by persons operating away from the bank's premises.

Clause 2A(a), referring to burglary, robbery or hold-up, could only relate to crimes committed by natural persons on the bank's premises. Clause 2A(b), on a natural reading, had the same concept in view.

It was not reasonable to suppose that the parties had in view section 61 of the 1925 Act so as to have in contemplation that a company might be present on the premises of the bank and commit theft there. What was in contemplation was a theft by a real live person in the bank.

LORD STEYN, dissenting, said that as a matter of business common sense the theft took place at the bank's premises where the company through its agent appropriated the securities. The insurers' contrary argument was a literalist argument devoid of any redeeming commercial sense.

Undoubtedly, clause 2A(b) was intended to introduce an element of physical presence on the premises. It would be wrong to construe the provision in a way which rendered that ineffective. But the bank's interpretation was loyal to that objective: the company was present through its duly authorised agent.

Lord Lloyd, Lord Nicholls and Lord Hoffmann delivered opinions concurring with Lord Keith.

Solicitors: Berwin Leighton; Herbert Smith.

Housing refusal reasons cannot be changed

Regina v Westminster City Council, Ex parte Ermakov

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Hutchison and Lord Justice Thorpe

[Judgment November 14]

A homeless person notified in writing by his local housing authority in accordance with section 64 of the Housing Act 1985 that his homelessness was intentional but was given reasons that were inaccurate was entitled to have the decision quashed.

The court would not admit subsequent affidavit evidence from the housing authority seeking to validate its decision by giving reasons wholly different from the stated reasons.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by the applicant, Mr Andrei Ermakov, from the dismissal by Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division in September 1994, of his application for judicial review of a decision letter from Westminster City Council, dated January 18, 1994, refusing him accommodation because his homelessness was intentional.

Mr John Samuels, QC and Mr Anthony Jerman for the applicant; Mr Clive Hugh Jones for the council.

LORD JUSTICE HUTCHISON said that by section 64 of the 1985 Act a housing authority on completing its inquiries under section 62, was required to notify the applicant of its decision on whether he was homeless, whether he had a priority need and, if so, whether he had become homeless intentionally.

By section 64(4), if it notified the applicant that it was satisfied that his homelessness was intentional it must at the same time notify him of its reasons.

The question of law at issue was whether the judge had erred in having regard for the purposes of the section to reasons given by the council's principal homelessness officer in an affidavit dated June 27, 1994 when those reasons were fundamentally different from the reasons given in the decision letter of January 18, 1994.

That decision letter stated that the applicant was intentionally homeless because he had accommodation to occupy in Greece and that the council was not satisfied that he and his family had experienced harassment and it was reasonable for him to remain in occupation of that accommodation. By June 1994 the council admitted that that reason was inaccurate and it sought by the affidavit to supplement it.

The judge in dealing with the issue of the admissibility of the council's affidavit evidence referred to *R v Croydon London Borough Council, Ex parte Graham* ([1993] 26 HLR 286) and said: "It is the real reasons and not the form in which the real reasons appear in the decision letter that is vital. A failure to record accurately the real reasons cannot shut out from this court's sight, on judicial review, those real reasons. . .

"I cannot conceive of any circumstances when it would be right to exclude from judicial review proceedings evidence of the real reasons for a decision made by a local authority, however much they might be regarded as supplementary to, and even be an afterthought to those reasons given to the homeless person at the time of the decision. . ."

But the weight of the authorities favoured the applicant. It was unrealistic to seek to draw any significant distinction, in the context of section 64, between the decision and the communication of the decision with reasons, or to treat the giving of reasons as purely procedural. The section in terms required reasons to be given at the same time as the decision was communicated.

The court could, and in appropriate cases should, admit evidence to elucidate or, exceptionally, correct or add to the reasons but should be very cautious about doing so: see per Lord Justice Steyn in *R v Croydon LBC, Ex parte Graham* (at p292).

The function of such evidence should generally be elucidation not fundamental alteration, confirmation not contradiction. Certainly there seemed to be no warrant for receiving and relying on as validating the decision evidence, as in this case, which indicated that the real reasons were wholly different from the stated reasons.

It was not permissible to say that merely because the applicant did not feel able to challenge the bona fides of the decision-maker's explanation as to the real reasons that the applicant was therefore not prejudiced and the evidence as to the real reasons could be relied on.

Section 64 required a decision and at the same time reasons and if no reasons, which was the reality of the present case, or wholly deficient reasons were given, the applicant was prima facie entitled to have the decision quashed as unlawful.

Lord Justice Nourse gave a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Thorpe agreed.

Solicitors: Moss Beachley & Mullem; Mr C. Wilson, Westminster.

Judges assume fair hearing abroad

In re M (Minors) (Abduction: Peremptory return order)

Before Lord Justice Russell, Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Schiemann

[Judgment November 14]

Judges in England and Wales would normally assume that facilities for a fair hearing would be provided in the courts of another jurisdiction and that due account would be taken of what had been said and ordered in, and undertaken by parties before the English courts.

The Court of Appeal so observed dismissing an appeal by the mother of two boys aged ten and one against a peremptory order of Mrs Justice Bracewell made in Leeds on November 9, 1995 that they be returned to Dubai, their country of habitual residence.

Mr Dermot Main Thompson for the mother; Mrs Sally Cahill for the father.

LORD JUSTICE WAITE said the mother, who was English, had married the father, a Dubai citizen, in Dubai 11 years ago. It had been her custom to bring the children to England to see their grandparents each summer.

This year, however, having brought them to England, she had filed for divorce here and in July obtained an interim residence order for the children. The father, after making certain undertakings to the court, had obtained a peremptory order for their return to Dubai, which did not subscribe to the Hague Convention on Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction 1980.

The judge had refused the mother's request for an adjournment so that she could gather evidence which might establish that she would be disadvantaged if the issues between her and the father were litigated in Dubai rather than in England.

His Lordship said the general principle underlying the whole purpose of the peremptory order was a principle of international comity from which the courts would depart only in very exceptional circumstances. No such circumstances had been shown in the present case.

Lord Justice Russell and Lord Justice Schiemann agreed.

Solicitors: Thorpe & Co, Scarborough; Cranswick Watson, Leeds.

Correction

In *R v Smith (Wallace Duncan) (The Times* November 13) counsel for the appellant were instructed by Titmuss Sainer Dechert.

Council could not create tenancies for its employees

Redbank Schools Ltd v Abdullahzadeh and Others

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Roch and Lord Justice Hobhouse

[Judgment November 8]

A local authority managing a children's community home with the consent of its owners in accordance with the provisions of Part II of the Children and Young Persons' Act 1969 did not have statutory authority to create tenancies of houses and flats attached to the home in favour of persons employed to work there. Although the employees had exclusive possession of the properties and paid rent to the local authority, they had no security of tenure, the owners being entitled to possession orders against them.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing appeals by Mr J. E. Abdullahzadeh and the occupiers of nine other properties at Redbank School, a children's home at Newton-le-Willows, Merseyside, from the order of Judge Wooley at Warrington County Court on August 5, 1994, granting possession orders to the leaseholders of the properties, Redbank Schools Ltd.

Mr Jonathan Gaunt, QC, for the occupiers; Mr Nicholas Orr for Redbank Schools.

LORD JUSTICE HOBHOUSE said that the occupiers contended that they were sub-lessees entitled to statutory protection from eviction under the Rent Act 1977 or the Housing Act 1988. They said that they had acquired their tenancies from Lancashire County Council acting as the agent of Redbank.

Redbank accepted that what the council had done was sufficient within the principles laid down in *Street v Mountford* ([1985] AC 809) to create sub-tenancies in favour of the occupiers if it was the case, which was denied, that the council was acting as Redbank's agents and had the authority to create sub-tenancies.

In 1944 Redbank had acquired a 999-year lease of the property and had built up on it three substantial units dedicated to training, assessment and special care of juveniles.

But the 1969 Act had introduced a new statutory regime for children in care and the management of the home, a controlled community home, became thereafter, with Redbank's consent, the council's responsibility, being managed by the council through a body of managers. Sections 39 and 40 made it clear that the 1969 Act did not affect the ownership of the home.

The property held by Redbank under the lease included some 48 houses and 10 flats. The council had given exclusive occupation of various of those homes to its employees who worked at the home. The employees were required to pay rent to the council in return for exclusive occupation.

There was no agreement in the scheme that the council should account to Redbank for rents received and it did not do so. The council was undoubtedly purporting to grant tenancies to its employees but was doing so on the basis that the houses were part of its own housing stock to deal with on its own account as it thought appropriate. That belief was mistaken.

In 1990 the council gave two years notice of its withdrawal from the management of the home and shortly before that notice expired gave to the occupiers of the houses and flats notices to quit, expressly stated to be issued on behalf of Redbank.

The occupiers' case was based on an allegation of agency: the council, it was said, having been given the authority to create service tenancies as part of it statutory authority to manage the home.

The judge in rejecting their arguments said: "If Parliament had intended to grant power to grant tenancies to a body having no legal estate in the land, it would have amounted to a fundamental departure from English land law and the law of landlord and tenant. I would have expected to find a clear non-ambiguous provision setting out the powers and no doubt the conditions as to the exercise of such powers. . ."

Primarily it was section 41 of the 1969 Act that defined the responsibility of the council as the "management equipment and maintenance of a controlled community home". It further provided that anything done by the managers shall be done "as agent of the [council]".

It was an inference from sections 39, 40, 47 and 48 of the 1969 Act that the responsible authority acquired no proprietary interest in the home. Under those circumstances the occupiers' argument encountered two insuperable difficulties.

First, the managers were not authorised to do anything on behalf of Redbank and, second, the management was the management of the community home and not the management of land such as would be involved in appointing someone to manage an estate or a block of flats let out on short tenancies.

Thus the position was one where the council had purported in its own name and on its own behalf to create adverse interest in the property of Redbank and had kept for itself the rents which had flowed from the creation of such interests. There was nothing in the statute justifying the conclusion that the council was to have that power.

Lord Justice Nourse gave a concurring and Lord Justice Roch agreed.

Solicitors: Robin Thomson & Partners, Stanmore; Mr G. A. Johnson, Preston.

Vexatious standard of proof

Attorney-General v Hayward

On an application for a civil proceedings order against a vexatious litigant under section 42 of the Supreme Court Act 1981 the civil standard of proof was to be applied, having due regard to the seriousness of the issue at stake.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Staughton, Lord Justice Henry and Lord Justice Pill) so held on November 10 when dismissing an appeal by S. N. W. Lyell, formally Peter Hayward, against the decision of the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Mrs Justice Smith) on January 28, 1994 to grant the Attorney-General's application for a civil proceedings order prohibiting the appellant from instituting civil proceedings without the leave of the court, pursuant to section 42 of the 1981 Act, as amended by section 24 of the Prosecution of Offences Act 1985.

LORD JUSTICE HENRY said that the appellant had argued that the criminal standard of proof was applicable.

Having regard to the authorities, culminating in *R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Khawaja* ([1984] AC 74), his Lordship was satisfied that the proper standard of proof was the civil standard, paying proper regard to the seriousness of the issue of stake.

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Use of registered name as book title

Bravado Merchandising Services Ltd v Mainstream Publishing (Edinburgh) Ltd

Before Lord McCluskey

[Judgment October 11]

Section 11(2)(b) of the Trade Marks Act 1994 permitted the use of a registered trade mark in the title of a book about persons who were in business under the registered name.

Lord McCluskey, sitting in the Outer House of the Court of Session, so held refusing the prayer of a petition brought by Bravado Merchandising Services Ltd seeking interdict against the use by Mainstream Publishing (Edinburgh) Ltd of the trade mark "Wet Wet Wet" by marketing a book the cover of which bore the words "A Sweet Little Mystery — Wet Wet Wet — The Inside Story".

Mr Calum McNeill for the petitioners; Mr Ronald Mackay, QC and Mr Steven Woolman for the respondents.

LORD McCLUSKEY said that the petitioner was the registered owner of a trade mark, "Wet Wet Wet", which was the name of a popular group of musicians with a world-wide following. However, the respondents contended that the mark used in the title of the book was not identical with the petitioner's registered mark.

The type face of the words "Wet Wet Wet" in the title of the book was different from either of the type faces shown in the registration certificate. In any event, in terms of section 11(2)(b) of the 1994 Act, they were not using the name as a trade mark, but to indicate the subject-matter of the book.

The mark indicating the origin of the book was "Mainstream". It would be startling if books could not be published about persons or products simply because their names had been registered.

Counsel referred to *Hansard* for February 24, 1994 ([1994] HL Debs 733) and the fifteenth recital of Council Directive No 89/104/EEC of December 21, 1988 to approximate the laws of member states relating to trade marks (OJ 1989 L40 p1).

The protection afforded by section 11(2) was wider than and certainly different from that afforded by section 8 of the Trade Marks Act 1938. Section 11(2) protected "the use of indications concerning . . . characteristics of goods. . ." What was being done here was to use the words as indications of the characteristic of the book, the characteristic being that the book was a study of the group.

The petitioners argued that the difference in type face was immaterial: see *In the Matter of Morny Ltd's Trade Marks* ([1951] 68 RPC 131). Section 11(2)(b) catered for the use of the words in their ordinary meaning.

The word "wet" was not being used here in its ordinary descriptive meaning: see *Bismag Ltd v Amblins (Chemists) Ltd* ([1940] 1 Ch 667, 682-3); *Mothercare (UK) Ltd v Penguin Books Ltd* ([1988] RPC 113); *Mars GB Ltd v Cadbury Ltd* ([1987] RPC 387).

His Lordship accepted the main submissions for the petitioner except in relation to the application of section 11(2). Although a new statutory regime was now in force, counsel were at one in saying that "uses in the course of a trade" in section 10(1) of the 1994 Act meant "use in a trade mark sense": see Lord Justice Bingham in *Mothercare* and Sir Wilfred Greene, Master of the Rolls in *Bismag*.

His Lordship saw no reason not to accept the submissions of counsel on that point. The distinction did not, however, appear to be of great value in determining the application of section 10 to the case.

Plainly "wet" was an ordinary word with well understood meanings and might be used in a non-trade mark sense, even repetitively. A travel writer who wrote an article about a fortnight's hill-walking in the Lake District in April might well, if he had been unlucky enough, give it the title "Wet Wet Wet".

That would, his Lordship supposed, be a non-trade mark sense. The *Mothercare* case appeared to be a good example of a non-trade mark use.

To consider other examples, a well known musical group was called "The Rolling Stones". All the individual constituents of their name as well as the whole idea of "rolling stones" were of some antiquity in ordinary usage.

It was easy to see how their name could be used in a trade mark or non-trade mark sense. It would be a question of fact in each case, as in *Mothercare*, to determine whether there was an infringement.

The same might apply to a name such as "The Dead Kennedys".

But if one considered a name such as "The Beatles" one observed a difference, for it appeared to be a clever construct newly coined for a particular musical group.

No doubt a proper name could come to be used as a general descriptive word, like boycott or quisling, but until it did it would, if registered, be useable only in a trade mark sense.

Even a book entitled "The Beatles — the Golden Years" would be using "The Beatles" in a trade mark sense, there being no other sense in which that term could be used. The fact that the use of the words in a trade mark sense was essential or desirable in order to describe the subject-matter of the book would not mean that the use ceased to be used in a trade mark sense.

Acceptance of the respondents' submission that the use of "Wet Wet Wet" in the title of the book was essential to describe the subject-matter of the book did not lead to the conclusion that the use was descriptive and therefore did not constitute use in a trade mark sense.

In the present case there was no descriptive use in the *Mothercare* sense. The repeated reference to "Wet" had nothing to do with moisture or political timidity.

As for the argument that the words on the book were not identical to what had been registered, his Lordship would not regard the actual type face as being an integral part of what was registered without some clear indication to that effect.

What had been registered consisted of the three words related as they were in one line and without punctuation. In reaching that conclusion his Lordship followed *In the Matter of Morny Ltd's Trade Marks*.

However, even if a use was otherwise caught under section 10, it might escape condemnation as an infringement under section 11. His Lordship had not found this an easy matter, but had come to the view that the present use did fall within the terms of section 11(2)(b).

The respondents were using the trade mark as an "indication" concerning the main characteristic of the article on and with which the use was made, that is, to indicate that it was a book concerning the musical group.

It would be a bizarre result of trade marks legislation, the primary purpose of which was "to guarantee the trade mark as an indication of origin", if it could be used to prevent publishers from using the protected name in the title of a book about the company or product.

If that had been the intention of Parliament, his Lordship should have expected it to have been made plain.

Law agents: J. & A. Hastie, SSC; Balfour & Manson Nightingale & Bell.

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8,695.50	ABN-AMRO	2865½	+87½	4.6	10.4
7,735.20	Abbey Nat	586	+33	4.1	11.7
2,386.40	Allied Irish	358	+24	4.0	10.4
3,842.40	Arc New Z	277	+4	5.0	8.3
13,673.00	Bank America	3906½	+8¼		
3,133.50	Bank Scotland	266	+17	2.9	11.6
12,661.10	Barclays	783	-26	3.6	10.7
3,234.70	Bk of Ireland	470	-32	3.7	9.3
151.60	Cater Allen	465	-7	7.8	7.0
16,763.40	Citicorp	4306½	-81½	...	...
386.70	Close Bros	532	-1	3.4	14.5
5,291.70	Commerzbk	£147½	-312½	3.7	
36,571.00	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1171½	+62½	0.5	
14,284.60	Deutsche Bk	3003½	+59¾	2.5	...
141.20	Espirito Santo	659½	-53¾	12.7	
36,877.60	Fuji Bank Y	1372½	+62½	0.4	
235.00	Gerrard Natl	461		6.1	14.3
364.20	Hambros	298	-11	4.6	...
8,084.00	HSBC	940	+26	3.8	12.2
16,356.60	HSBC Hk	921½	+22½	3.8	12.0
261.90	Irish Perm	344	-11	3.5	8.0
2.60	Joseph (L)	403		4.0	25.9
39.30	King Shaxson	114		9.9	8.3
10,994.60	Lloyds	838	-38	4.0	12.8
7,724.80	Nat Aust Bk	541	+5	7.3	
11,690.30	Nat West	681	+38	4.2	10.6
125.00	Ottoman Bank	2500		6.6	3.3
21.90	Rea Brothers	45		2.8	18.0
4,492.50	Ryl Bk Scot	556	-41	3.2	13.4
1,963.00	Schroders	1300		1.4	18.5
481.80	Schroders N/V	1095	+7	1.6	15.6
214.40	Singer & Fried	109	+1	4.2	11.3
5,296.20	Stand Chart	546	-19	2.1	13.7
6,204.60	TSB	405	-11	3.6	14.1
39.50	Union	111	-2	3.4	
6,890.20	Wells Fargo	£134¼	-218¼	2.2	...
4,821.90	Westpac	264¼	-5¼	2.2	
25.20	Wintrust	293	-2	4.8	16.8

BREWERIES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
59.90	Ascot Hldgs	217			0.4
5,977.20	Bass	680	+12	4.0	16.4
530.80	Boddington	436½	+10	2.6	22.5
38.30	Burtonwd Brwr	194		3.7	17.1
35.60	Eldridge P A	172		3.1	20.9
3,186.70	Fosters Brewing	99	-39	3.0	
83.80	Fuller Sm A	411	+1	2.5	17.6
1,558.30	Greenalls Grp	527	-15	3.2	15.2
266.70	Greene King	629	-4	2.8	16.8
50.20	Hardy Hanso	296	+1	4.1	13.8
3.59	Heavitree	155		4.5	10.9
97.00	Holt J	3128	-7	2.2	16.7
211.50	Mansfield	329		2.0	17.3
272.70	Marston Thomp	304	-1	2.7	15.2
144.80	Morland	519	-10	2.7	15.6
0.26	Paramount	7		3.9	11.2
93.50	Regent Inns	992	+10	1.5	23.3
5,956.10	SA Breweries	2087½	-37½	1.7	28.1
2,714.80	Scot & New	606	+20	3.8	16.3
	Scot & New P/P	330			
371.20	Vaux Group	264	+7	4.7	14.9
233.20	Wetherspoon JD	639	+2	1.6	
3,171.60	Whitbread	658	+25½	3.9	16.2
353.40	Wolverhampton D	529	+1	3.4	13.6
119.40	Yates Bros	303	+29	1.3	26.8
13.20	Young 'A'	455		4.2	18.2

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
52.30	Abbey	135		4.9	8.8
57.90	Allen	178	+2	3.9	13.3
145.90	Amec	72	+14	5.2	15.2
39.00	Andrews Sykes	273			
154.60	Ashtead	507	+58	1.8	18.7
17.00	Avonside	39	+1½	10.6	6.2
2.62	Bailey (Ben) Con	25	+2	5.2	6.1
16.20	Barcom	35	-1		
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260.30	Bellway	264	+20	3.7	
7.22	Bellwinch	16		1.6	8.6
354.90	Berkeley Gp	458	+34	2.1	14.2
26.70	Bell Bros	178	+9	3.9	
51.80	Boot (Henry)	192	+2	4.7	9.0
19.80	Brandon Hire	91	-9	3.1	16.1
5.24	Britannia Grp	23	-5	8.7	4.5
4.04	Br Blog & Eng	36		27.8	5.0
230.50	Bryant	104	-8	6.1	
47.80	CALA	111		3.6	10.7
2.59	Campbell & Arm	18	+1		14.3
6.03	Clarke F	49		10.4	17.6
29.30	Costain	74	+1		
55.80	Countryside	73	+16	7.2	10.4
63.90	Crest Nicholson	64½	-14½	3.9	9.0
14.20	Cussins	80		5.9	7.0
17.60	Eve Group	180		7.6	9.7
16.90	Galliford	19	-1	6.6	38.6
75.50	Gleeson (MJ)	748		2.5	
4.70	Green (Ernest)	61		10.5	26.6
71.80	Havelock Europ	273	+1½	1.5	23.0
384.80	Hewden-Stuart	138	+12	2.5	14.8
56.90	Higgs & Hill	86	+9	3.6	73.1
3.96	Howard Hldgs	15		8.7	17.5
9.62	Jarvis	29½	-		
76.20	Keller	136	+6	3.5	13.2
109.20	Laing (J)	238	+8	4.7	29.4
38.10	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	95	-3	8.4	
5.97	Lovell (YJ)	15	-1	8.3	15
46.20	Maunders (J)	185	-8	1.9	9.9
97.10	McAlpine (A)	136	+3	6.0	14.4
61.10	McCarthy & S	62	-8		17.4
33.90	Morgan Sindall	75	-5	1.4	
50.80	Morrison Cons	121	+5	3.1	11.8
108.30	Mowlem (J)	62	+5	4.0	33.9
223.30	Persimmon	191	-11	6.2	13.2
20.80	Pochins	2000		2.0	12.3
82.70	Prowting	114	+16	4.2	15.2
32.00	Raine Ind	17	-1	3.7	
5.15	Second Retire	50		2.5	9.5
283.50	Redrow	129	+4	3.1	11.9
38.90	Sherill Hldgs	347		2.3	12.7
4.91	Sharco	78	-2	6.4	12.0
110.80	Snadex	343		1.0	21.8
45.30	Tay Homes	155	-10	5.6	10.7
443.60	Taylor Woodrw	115	-13	2.4	21.9
144.30	Tilbury Dougls	457	+18	8.6	14.6
5.31	Torey Hire	32		5.1	13.7
9.98	Trencherwood	12	+1		4.9
6.57	Try Group	9½		6.6	13.3
36.30	Vibroplant	83	-1	6.0	6.6
67.20	Walthomes	108	-8	5.2	10.0
24.29	Ward Hldgs	46	+5	11	10.3
122.50	Westbury	184	+12	4.0	13.6
14.80	Wiggins	2			20.6
304.30	Wilson (C)	154	+9	3.7	11.4
329.70	Wilson Bowden	352	+5	3.6	12.9
451.30	Wimpey G	125	-22	5.5	18.2

BUILDING MATERIALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
8.70	Albrighton	12	+½	1.0	
169.30	Alumasc	419	-11	3.2	18.1
1,613.10	BPB Ind	320	+23	3.5	14.9
29.00	Baggeridge Brk	95	+2	4.1	9.1
147.30	Bosult	264½	+2½	9.4	12.9
14.70	Brockleys	59	+15	0.8	
2,336.90	Blue Circle	327	+15	4.5	14.9
21.00	Breedon PLC	74	-1	8.2	10.2
18.90	Br Dredging	108	-2	6.5	14.1
1,666.60	CRH	473	+24	3.2	17.7
2.28	Cakebread Roy	38		3.3	
79.00	Cape	146		9.4	11.3
1,175.20	Caradon	196	+16	6.1	10.1
189.00	Caradon pf	105	+4½	8.6	
1.63	Chelton Gp	19		13.2	
3.05	Dyson (J&J)	185		2.7	15.3
11.10	Dyson A	91		6.2	6.7
30.40	Eclipse Blinds	91	+8		
48.20	Epwin	223	-33	5.0	12.0
12.50	Flare	98	+7		
1.58	Gibbs & Dandy	93	-2	4.3	
260.50	Graham Grp	186½	+6½	3.6	16.3
117.10	Halstead (J)	384	+6	2.8	16.9
733.50	Hepworth	301	+11	6.2	13.9
4.00	Hewetson	43		7.3	5.5
222.10	Heywd Wlm	229	+19	7.5	11.8
190.70	Ibstock	68½	+2½	3.2	11.3
35.80	Johnston	335		3.9	7.8
24.80	Lilleshall	87		7.0	10.4
392.40	Marley	117	+11	5.0	10.3
194.70	Marshalls	157	+24	4.0	11.2
452.50	Meyer Int	358	+15	4.0	12.0
163.80	Newman Tnks	128	+½	6.7	11.5
143.30	Norcros	82	+2	5.3	
5.24	Phoenix Timber	15			14.3
2,004.50	Pilkington▼	200	+25½	3.0	15.9
269.20	Polypipe	171	-1	1.9	16.0
2,529.30	RMC Gp▼	1034	+40	2.7	13.9
1.08	Ramus	4½			
1,930.30	Redland	370	+42	5.6	11.3
18.40	Rockall	103	-1	5.2	10.8
71.30	Ruberoid	148		5.2	12.0
746.10	Rugby Group	117	-3	3.8	15.1
24.90	Russell (A)	107	+2	3.0	14.7
175.90	SIG	218	+13	3.6	12.1
3.36	SMP	13		1.9	
33.10	Sharpe & Fisher	157		4.0	12.5
12.50	Spring Ram	27	+1	2.3	
858.80	Tarmac	93	+12	7.4	14.1
13.20	Titon	130		4.8	9.4
345.10	Travis Perkins	335	+21	3.4	14.0
3.27	Tudor	30	+1	3.1	17.8
1.07	Waterhouse	43			
491.20	Wickes	131	+11	1.8	24.4
2,456.40	Wolseley	445	+16	2.8	14.7

BUSINESS SERVICES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
6.89	Anglo Utd	0¾			
27.60	App Holo	105	+15	..	
3.30	Bailey (CH)	6			
10.20	Black Arrow	41	-3	9.7	7.0
3.81	Br Bloodstock	88	+1		28.4
2.15	Card Op	3¾	-¼		
2.79	Chemeq	7		1.8	21.9
17.40	Cosalt	151		6.8	10.2
81.10	Filofax	275		1.2	20.4
5.31	Headway	33			30.0
99.50	Hornlock	418		2.3	18.9
84.60	Leigh	128	+5	7.6	13.3
24.60	Nobo Gp	139	+7	5.6	9.2
99.50	Photo-Me	164	+7	3.8	14.4
19.20	Plant & Gen	60	+1	5.7	6.4
1.85	Rodime	1¼			
163.90	Shanks & McEwan	89		4.6	18.7
42.10	Sinclair (Wm)	193	-2	4.9	
1,177.70	Waste Mgt Intl	314	-5		11.9
40.50	Waste Recyc	122	-1	1.2	26.4

CHEMICALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
482.80	Albright & Wlson	154	+7	4.9	16.3
715.10	Allied Colloids	135		2.4	19.1
35.40	Amber Indt	245		2.9	4.1
28.10	Amberley Gp	65	+1	2.4	18.7
8,471.40	BASF DM	£144½	+131½	3.2	
4,343.40	BOC	903	+38	3.8	17.1
408.40	BTP	289	-13	5.5	13.8
11,729.00	Bayer DM50	£189½	+528¼	3.5	
110.80	Blagden	153	-1		
52.70	Brent Chemst	78	-3	8.1	21.3
480.70	Br Vita	219	+8	4.5	13.9
66.20	Canning (W)	232		2.2	24.9
1,591.70	Courtaulds	393	+12	4.9	15.5
467.50	Croda	351	+1	3.2	15.3
31.20	Doeflex	215	+2	3.4	14.0
249.50	Ellis & Everard	253	-10	4.2	14.8
37.20	Euro Colour	96		2.2	24.9
22.10	Gibbon	219	-5	3.5	17.3
156.60	Hickson	89	+4	5.8	8.5
9,871.70	Hoechst	£166½	+512½	3.2	
197.90	Holliday Chem	189	-1	3.3	13.4
5,647.80	ICI	779	-1	4.6	14.9
376.80	Inspec	324	-11	1.8	22.6
386.30	Kalon	100	+2	5.3	12.4
1,593.40	Laporte	836	+4	3.5	17.0
25.30	MTM	68		2.8	12.2
114.60	Manders	288	-14	4.9	13.0
10.80	Metrotect	45	+2	4.2	17.0
22,195.70	Montedison	417	-½	4.9	18.7
92.00	Porvair	374		1.7	27.4
534.00	Scapa	224	-1	3.5	15.8
17.00	Sutcliffe Speak	30		1.7	37.2
7,949.20	Takeda Chem	909	-17¼	1.0	12.3
58.50	Wellington Hldg	248		3.4	19.0
75.80	Wolstenholme R	1010	+3	2.7	17.2
126.40	Yorks Chem	276	+2	3.9	13.5
311.60	Yule Catto	310	-7	3.0	16.4

DISTRIBUTORS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
33.00	ABI Lec	100		5.2	11.5
23.40	Adam & Harvey	545	-5	4.6	7.0
5.64	Alexanders	14		6.2	23.0
60.50	Appleyard	91	+1	8.2	9.8
9.19	Ass Br Eng	3½		2.1	28.5
150.70	BSS Group	573	-1	4.3	16.5
46.50	Bandi	33			
5.84	Beaming Power	16½		7.6	8.1
1.25	Bogod 'A'	26		3.4	9.3
202.00	Brammer	445	+11	3.8	17.1
4.67	Bridgend Gp	17		1.5	
20.00	Brit Fittngs	84		4.8	12.7
8.35	Callyns	255		5.7	18.0
9.04	Central Mtr	66		5.2	17.9
23.60	Coni (DC)	55	+1	3.4	8.7
479.10	Cowie	297	+17	4.0	12.8
31.00	Dag Motors	128		7.0	10.6
22.40	Dennans E	508		1.9	11.2
245.50	Diploma	441	+8	4.0	14.5
1,374.10	Electrocomps	325		2.3	21.9
136.20	Eurodis Elec	234		2.2	18.2
33.30	Eurodollar	60	-40	15.0	3.9
50.90	European Mtr	95	-2	6.6	8.2
93.70	Evans Halshaw	292	+2	6.6	9.0
928.90	Farnell Elect	681	+2	1.8	19.8
10.20	Fife Indmar	66		6.2	10.8
20.40	Gardiner	19	-½	5.4	8.4
8.46	Glenchewton	28	+1½	1.3	
7.82	Gowrings	85		1.3	14.1
20.10	Harris (Philip)	184	+1	4.8	12.8
81.10	Headlam	195	-5	2.7	17.1
263.70	Henlys	509	+14	2.5	18.9
4.24	Holders Tech	136	-15	5.5	25.9
62.40	ISA Intl	156	+10	1.3	17.1
1,568.20	Inchcape	297	-3	6.3	26.9
6.48	Jacks (Wm)	60		1.6	11.4
323.30	Kwik-Fit	187	+10	3.1	16.0
350.30	Lex Service	310	-1	5.8	16.5
29.10	Lookers	149		6.4	8.2
19.20	Malaya Grp	17½	+1	5.1	15.9
49.70	Middlex	8½	-¼	0.8	18.9
20.00	Midstates	38	+2		4.3
50.40	Nortrain	485	+5	1.3	16.7
43.30	Northamber	254	-11	0.8	20.4
12.30	PCT	137		7.0	9.8
104.40	Pendragon	272	-½	3.9	14.2
40.00	Perry Grp	158		6.1	11.9
31.20	Quicks Group	135	+5	5.3	11.5
17.40	REA	195	-1	2.6	23.2
5.76	Reece	3¼			
24.20	Russon	54		2.9	11.0
5.17	Ross Gp	3½			
54.00	SEP Indl	60	+7	2.5	20.0
28.50	Saltire	11	+2		6.2
32.90	TLS	73	+4	3.2	12.4
136.40	Time Products	256	-1	4.6	14.8
118.80	Vardy (Reg)	256	+2	2.8	16.3
43.50	Wholesale Ftgs	304		4.8	19.0
60.90	Wilshaw	65½	-9	1.5	15.5
43.30	Wyko	85	-2	1.8	
16.60	Young (H)	100	-11	4.5	15.3

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
104.60	Adwest	127	-2	7.7	10.2
436.90	Antofagasta	278	-5	2.0	13.7
15,801.60	Broken Hill	867	+12	2.8	
12,557.40	BTR	333	+1	5.2	14.4
17,113.10	BAT	554	+21	5.1	12.6
250.10	Bensford Ind	166	+12	1.1	43.7
193.80	Bibby (J)	124	-6	6.0	
1,263.50	Brierley Invt	47¼		9.1	26
711.70	Charter	819	-10	3.8	13.2
2,091.30	Cookson	308	+11	3.0	19.6
97.30	Grampian Hldg	140		5.2	15.8
9,986.90	Hanson	192½	-1½	7.8	10.5
1,048.90	Hanson Cesfdt	148	+2	7.6	15.7
12,476.90	Hutch Whamp	349¼	+4¼	2.2	18.5
2,638.80	Jardine Math	367¼	-4	4.4	7.4
4.68	Jourdan (T)	26		6.1	6.9
1,304.90	Lonrho	168	+3	3.3	23.2
92.10	McLeod Russel	151		5.1	15.2
38.70	Porter Chadburn	41			14.0
495.60	Powell Duffryn	577	-7	5.4	15.1
34.60	Ropner	148		7.0	10.2
3,233.80	Sime Darby	153		3.1	14.7
246.80	Staveley	215	+1	5.0	14.5
217.20	Suter	185	-2	6.6	12.3
430.70	TT Group	269	+4	3.6	15.1
3,715.90	Tomkins	262½	+18½	4.1	14.6
231.60	Trafalgar H	21½	-2½	5.8	
57.40	Unitare	295		6.4	
100.70	Wardle Storeys	385	+15	5.6	
508.40	Wassall	259	-5½	2.2	14.7
82.50	Whitecroft	188	+½	3.0	14.0
1,937.20	Williams Hldg	334	+7	5.1	15.8

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,762.20	East Midlands	906	-31	4.0	12.3
2,435.00	Eastern Grp	974		3.6	13.0
1,852.90	London Elec	933	-5	4.4	11.1
1,093.20	Manweb	1015	+5	3.9	13.8
1,673.70	Midlands	982	-2	4.8	10.1
5,966.90	National Power	501	+½	4.2	10.2
6,569.50	Natl Power P/P	208		4.1	10.5
917.80	Northern Elec	928	+1	4.8	8.7
662.70	Nthn Ireland	473	+5	3.5	11.5
1,588.60	Norweb	1017	-28	3.5	10.7
4,136.60	PowerGen	569	-5	3.8	10.3
1,452.20	PowerGen (P/P)	255	-9	3.7	12.4
1,340.90	Hydro-Elect	349	+10	5.0	10.1
3,483.70	Scottish Power	371	+7	4.9	10.8
1,575.00	Seeboard	641	+8	2.8	13.8
955.80	Sth Wales	1030	-14	3.7	10.7
999.90	Sth Western	900		5.0	10.6
2,650.80	Southern Elec	971	-5	4.5	10.8
1,690.90	Yorkshire Elec	917	-27	4.1	11.5

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
97.80	Acal	507	+4	1.8	20.3
126.70	Acorn Comp	141	+1		
98.30	Admiral	795	+10	1.3	20.8
119.40	Alba	253		2.6	17.3
325.00	Amstrad	279	-11	1.1	
27.50	Arlen	37	-1	2.0	12.8
40.20	Astec	130	+4	1.2	20.2
110.00	Aztec	500		0.8	22.3
977.30	BICC	276	+26	5.7	16.2
24.90	Beales Hunter	335	+1	5.4	12.6
142.10	Bock	363	-1	3.2	14.8
835.70	Bowthorpe	433	+3	2.7	19.8
6.37	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	24½	+½	2.0	9.7
24.00	CML Micro	129	-1	5.9	39
8.26	Channel Hldgs	23		7.0	6.5
55.10	Chloride	22½		1.6	59.6
13.10	Clayhithe	71		5.4	17.7
32.00	Copymore	208		4.9	27.1
124.50	Cray Elect	52½	+6½	6.0	
88.50	Critchley	623	+16	2.0	21.2
1,100.00	Dania Bs Sys	555	-18	0.4	39.9
612.50	Delta	410	-11	4.8	14.1
119.10	Domino	446	-14	2.8	14.6
91.10	Dowding Mills	61	-1	5.6	16.2
140.20	Druck	2190		0.7	28.7
1,824.50	Electrolux 'B'	2562½	-225	4.8	3.9
33.60	Emess	31½		0.4	
12,795.10	Ericsson 'B'	1462½		0.9	32.8
36.00	Eurocopy	74	-5	3.6	14.8
509.30	Eurotherm	569	-1	1.4	25.8
428.60	Fairey Group	524	+6	1.7	22.0
209.90	Filtronic Com	500	+4	0.2	80.0
86.40	Forward Gp	635	+25	1.3	27.2
27.90	Forward Tech	81	-1	3.9	11.3
8,923.00	GEC	324	+4	4.4	15.4
92.40	Gooseby	143		5.8	13.1
39.30	Ind Control	98	+4	4.6	19.5
11.30	Intelek	38	+2½	3.3	35.5
101.90	Kenwood App	222	-2	5.6	9.9
9.40	Kode	99			
3.06	LPA Ind	34	-1	6.2	24.2
48.30	MTL Inst	267		2.2	14.8
141.80	Memec-Sw	278	-5	2.3	18.3
37.20	Microvitec	50½	+½	2.0	17.0
441.30	Misys	417	+29		
213.90	Oxford Inst	433	+1	1.7	17.1
6.16	Pacer Systems	131		3.2	17.4
121.20	Peek	101	-1	4.2	16.3
8,130.00	Philips Lmp nv	2403¼	+65¼	2.1	9.4
21.20	Pifco	221		2.8	13.8
14.60	Pifco 'A' Vtg	211		3.9	13.2
6.86	Plasmec	143		3.9	11.4
53.80	Pressac	145		3.0	
16.30	Prestwick	40	-1		15.9
147.20	Psion	640	+22	0.8	27.1
5.62	Quadrant Grp	15		2.1	41.9
735.20	Racal Elect	261	-4	3.4	20.1
14.10	Radamec	76		3.6	16.9
99.20	Rainford	416	+12		23.4
159.60	Roxboro	285		2.3	14.0
5.36	Scantronic	10			
32.00	Silverminas	50	-1	2.7	13.3
3.64	Soundtracs	36		8.7	10.4
56.30	Stoves	226	+8	2.5	15.8
1.69	TDS Circuits	8	-½		
4,176.10	TDK	3175	-143	1.0	
21.60	Tadpole Tech	82	-1		
144.90	Telemetrix	158	+18	0.9	22.5
19.80	TGI	92		3.7	11.6
308.80	Telspec	974	-14	0.5	54.5
32.00	Thorpe FW	248		2.0	15.1
298.80	TLG	167	+7	2.6	18.0
2.22	Total Systems	22			22.9
100.00	Tunstall	304	-4	1.6	19.4
367.10	Unitech	525		1.8	19.4
29.60	Verity	12½		1.0	19.9
117.40	Volex	424	+2	5.8	14.9
4.84	Wholebourne	22	-3		3.1
52.70	Whessoe	178	-5	1.1	

ENGINEERING

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
46.40	AIM	318	+18	1.8	
254.60	APV	86	+3	4.5	
132.40	ASW	159		5.0	7.6
17.10	Aero Hamble	30			
80.60	Alvis	145	+1	1.1	
61.00	Ash & Lacy	165		4.9	11.4
66.40	Atlas Equipt	638	+3	4.3	22.3
13.00	Ayrshire Metal	130		5.3	7.5
73.60	BI Group	101	+1	5.9	12.9
279.10	Babcock	169		1.2	
67.40	BM	141	+2	6.7	13.2
157.90	Baynes (Charles)	102		2.7	17.7
10.70	Beaufort	24		2.3	5.6
1.89	Billam	118	-2	5.6	
244.30	Bodycote	419		1.8	21.3
1.40	Booth Inds	35	+1		
13.90	Brasway	17½		4.2	17.0
95.20	Bristow▼	129	+1	4.0	16.2
3,137.20	Br Aerospace	733	-3	1.9	27.4
1,378.10	Br Steel	166	+9	6.5	4.7
4.94	Brooke Tool	13	-½	1.0	30.1
42.80	Brunel	35	-¼	1.8	13.5
151.20	Bullough	125	-2	8.1	12.1
37.70	Bumbles	110		3.5	15.9
201.40	Carclo Eng	328	+17	3.8	17.7
80.90	Castings	190	+1	2.2	15.4
11.50	Chamberlin Hill	158	-5	5.8	9.3
91.60	Chemring	385	+10	3.3	18.5
14.90	Clyde Blowers	188	-2	4.1	
334.30	Cobham▼	437	+36	2.5	26.6
5.20	Cohen (A)	650		3.5	6.0
89.30	Concentric	164	-11	4.8	12.5
46.90	Cook (Wm)	213	-6	4.9	8.7
141.70	Danal Brown	215	-2	4.1	14.1
204.10	Dobson Park	130	+1½	5.0	26.8
201.20	EIS	390	-8	4.1	14.0
41.90	Elliott (B)	112	-3	3.0	11.8
57.60	Expamet	91		2.3	17.2
890.50	FKI	158	+4	3.6	15.4
130.30	Fenner	141	-14	3.2	
0.37	Ferrum	1½			
48.70	GEI Int	132	+2	2.8	16.1
7.49	Galion Engt	182		3.7	10.4
821.00	Glynwed	338	+27	4.6	13.6
47.00	Graystone	12¾	...	5.1	8.9
	[illegible]	82½		3.3	21.6
90.70	Haden MacLn	188	+7	2.0	16.0
82.50	Hall Eng	195	-5	3.9	
459.20	Halma	172	-7	1.5	23.1
32.00	Hampson Ind	51½		5.3	9.9
4.50	Hay (Norman)	30			
40.70	Hill & Smith	111	+5	6.6	14.0
23.80	Hopkinsons	30½	-1½	5.3	
13.80	How Gpt	33	-1	2.8	
230.20	Howden	78	-1	4.3	10.4
202.70	Hunting	207	+2	6.0	19.4
1,109.50	IMI	323	+4	4.1	29.2
90.20	Johnson & FB	64	+1	0.6	66.4
1,277.20	Johnson Matth	591	-10	3.0	17.8
12.80	Jones Stroud	50	-1		
17.80	Kelsey Ind	573	+63	3.5	14.6
27.20	Linread	286		3.6	14.1
4.95	Locker (T) A	16½		3.0	
66.20	ML Hldgs	40		3.9	13.2
8.77	MS Intl	32		2.0	...
36.90	Manig Bronze	222	-6	3.8	11.0
417.90	McKechnie	426	-6	4.8	
189.80	Meggitt	87½	-½	5.6	23.5
108.70	Metalrax	107	+3	4.4	17.1
18.90	Mefect	122	-1	3.2	25.8
274.20	Molins	804		2.7	14.0
867.40	Morgan Crucbl	393	+11	4.3	17.2
36.10	Morris Ashby	303	+13	2.8	16.6
12.80	Neepsend	52		3.6	13.3
14.00	Neotronics	54	+1	3.9	11.0
10.10	OMI Intl	14	-½	6.7	
333.40	Powerscreen	375	-6	2.8	13.8
15.00	Prospect Inds	5		16.5	
0.86	Radiant Metal	65			
32.70	Ransomes	57½	-½		
22.60	Record	86		6.6	13.2
229.20	Renishaw	425	+9	2.1	22.6
180.50	Renold	389	+8	3.5	15.1
3.11	Richards (Leics)	37		7.6	12.9
29.40	Richardson Wstt	81	-1	5.4	13.3
2,496.60	Rolls-Royce	171	+12	3.7	24.5
148.00	Rotork	169		3.7	16.1
148.50	Rubicon	176	-4	3.8	16.9
285.40	Senior Engg	94½	-3½	4.6	23.4
33.60	Servomex	333	+3	2.7	22.5
20.80	Sedia-Rye	131	+6	1.4	22.7
3,287.80	Siebe	765	-5	2.0	21.2
129.60	Simon Eng	82	+1		
84.40	Six Hundred	156	-2	1.8	11.1
825.70	SKF 'B'	1296½	+25	3.2	11.9
1,806.00	Smiths Indt	598	+15	3.0	19.0
472.90	Spirax-Sarco	604		2.5	19.0
78.80	Sterling Ind	785	-1	3.3	16.4
2,068.30	TI	441	-3	3.5	20.7
10.40	Tinsley (E)	100	+2	7.0	13.9
82.80	Transtec	85		2.1	
89.20	Triplex Lloyd	137	-4	6.4	13.6
35.80	Utd Inds▼	16	-¼	2.9	12.8
16.20	Verson	11			
882.10	Vickers	268	+16	2.5	21.4
14.70	Villiers Grp	12½	-½		
139.50	Vinten	703	+3½	1.7	18.0
280.00	Vosper Thorny	875	-3	3.1	15.8
234.70	Wagon Ind	453	-5	5.2	13.7
448.80	Weir	226	+6	3.9	19.0
75.10	Wellman	52½	-1	3.8	9.9
103.00	Whatman	448	+3	3.2	14.4
14.80	Widney	10½	+½	3.3	16.3

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
5.78	AAF Inds	25	-1		
24.20	Airflow Streamt	285	+5	3.5	6.6
15.60	Armour	42½		5.8	12.1
139.90	Avon Rubber	524		4.0	18.9
1,187.60	BBA	287	+17½	2.2	
158.50	BSG	54	+½	7.4	11.4
5.01	Benson Group	2½	-½	4.3	
51.30	Bostrom	305	+2	2.5	16.9
11.20	Boustead	17		7.5	
23.50	Caverdale	9½	-½	3.6	6.5
26.90	ERF	274		2.1	16.1
71.40	First Tech	452	+3	1.9	17.1
2,872.30	GKN	823	+3	3.4	16.8
21,094.20	General Mtr	2968¼	+93¾	2.6	
11,478.80	Honda Motor	1178¼	+35¾	0.7	
572.90	Laird	404	-13	3.6	15.4
8.10	Leedes	405			
1,716.20	Lucas	196		4.5	59.8
208.80	Mayflower	95½	-1	2.2	24.9
45.70	Syltone	193	+5	3.5	18.0
732.90	T & N	138	-2½	5.4	
185.00	Trinity Hldgs	360	+20	2.6	19.4

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
3,159.00	AB Food	702	+8	2.3	12.6
137.40	Acatos & Hutch	248		4.5	9.4
359.50	Albert Fisher	59½	+2	9.3	12.4
24.00	Banks (S C)	276	+1	4.5	14.0
68.00	Barr (AG)	546	+1	2.8	15.5
13.20	Bensons Crsp	26	+1		
830.20	Booker	368	+14	7.7	18.7
21.20	Borthwick	35½	+½	4.5	26.0
38.50	CPL Aromas	353	+28	1.3	25.3
5,384.60	Cadbury-Schwp	545	+9	3.6	19.5
21.90	Cara Milling	313	+28	3.5	
27.10	Carrswick	191	-3	5.8	12.1
15.80	Datapak	136		2.0	18.0
1,163.50	Dalgety	403	+4	6.8	12.1
4.48	Danels S	45		0.3	
315.90	Devro	234	-9	3.9	14.8
23.40	Everest	92	-5	5.4	8.3
4.39	Farmgold	16½	+¼		
63.80	Finlay (James)	64	+6	6.2	25.1
21.50	Glanst	17		3.9	11.8
452.30	Greencore	530	+8	2.4	13.9
253.50	Hazlewood Fds	109	+2	7.7	10.0
1,136.80	Hillsdown	163	+5	7.1	10.9
103.50	Hobson	26½		3.8	30.0
37.40	JLI Group	66	-4	4.4	10.4
49.90	Linton Park	308		6.1	7.5
122.70	Matthews (B)	99	+4	4.1	9.4
92.60	Nichols (JN)	335	-3	3.3	15.2
906.20	Nthn Foods	172	+5	6.4	
8.29	Nittimbn Fo	13½	-½		9.9
1.76	Pascoe's	110			
7.50	Pengiusan (UK)	9½			
89.70	Perkins Food	72	-1	7.7	10.2
39.90	SeaPerfect	81			
6.32	Sealey Farm	147	+13	2.9	11.8
14.80	Sims Food	43	-1	8.9	14.1
1,738.90	Tate & Lyle	438	-14	4.2	9.1
31.30	Tessat	326	+2	2.0	14.7
990.60	Unigate	421	+19	5.6	14.2
10,167.40	Unilever	1246	+35	2.8	14.9
13,356.00	Unilever (NV)	8318¼	+137¼	3.0	12.1
1,379.90	Utd Biscuits	261	+1	6.4	16.5
14.90	WT Foods	35		8.9	13.0
40.00	Yorkshire Food	90		5.0	10.3

HEALTHCARE

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
508.40	Amersham	872	+16	2.5	18.6
32.50	Anagen	70			
27.60	Assoc Nursg	168	-2	2.2	12.8
82.00	Bespak	324		3.9	22.4
201.10	Biocompt Ind	464	-16		
27.40	Care Uk	68	+1	0.5	17.4
101.80	Celsis	132	-6		
86.70	Community Hlt	258	-1	4.3	13.2
60.70	CrestaCare	32		3.2	11.1
6.71	Environmed	26	-3	6.7	3.3
5.88	Ferraris Group	55		5.1	7.6
48.20	Goldsborough	110		4.0	8.8
16.80	Greenacre	10½	+¼	4.4	13.1
335.30	Huntingdon Tec	828		1.0	30.6
14.80	Intercare Gp	52	-3	8.4	12.5
38.10	Isotron	305	-5	2.2	17.6
155.20	Lyle Services	89		6.2	9.2
454.30	Lon Intl	134	+1	0.9	
50.10	Nestor-BNA	67	+1	5.9	15.0
0.73	Premier Health	10			0.7
37.80	Quality Care	270		2.2	13.4
145.50	Scholl	214	-3	3.9	
188.40	Seton Health	379	-7	2.5	18.4
16.00	Shield Diag	86	-3		45.9
2,144.20	Smith & Nephw	194¼	+5	3.5	22.5
3.80	Specialeyes	19			0.7
251.40	Takare	200	-1	1.5	13.8
445.10	UniChem	257	+13	3.6	14.5
207.40	West Hlthcare	324	-2	2.1	14.4

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
42.80	Airsprung	179		3.8	9.8
6.53	BLP Group	99		3.9	8.1
4.14	Bilston Battsea	47	-3		24.9
35.40	Crnell Plc 'A'	87½	-¼	0.9	
6.44	Creighton Nt	137	-1	7.0	9.9
53.10	Denby Group	159		2.4	17.6
6.96	Gaskell	142		3.7	11.0
147.00	HMP Ind	429		2.6	12.1
4.41	Lionheart	2¼			
357.00	McBride	204		4.1	20.6
49.20	Maysom	246	+10	3.4	13.6
36.70	Osborne & Little	438	+73	2.7	11.8
108.80	Paterson Zoch	446	-9	4.2	13.8
87.80	Paterson Zch 'A'	381	-9	4.9	11.8
2,777.20	Reckitt Colmn	655	+21	3.7	15.2
55.20	Relyon	258		3.4	16.5
135.30	Royal Doulton	246	-4	3.9	12.3
85.30	Silentnight	183	-1½	5.5	12.3
17.50	Stoddard	26½	-½	7.5	8.7
10.10	Tomkinsons	156		9.2	19.1
6.85	Victoria Carpet	86		2.9	
99.10	Walker Greenbk	85	-1½	5.3	16.3
411.10	Wolsey Wdgwd	58	+1	1.8	19.5
3.50	Wood (Arthur)	175		3.0	13.8

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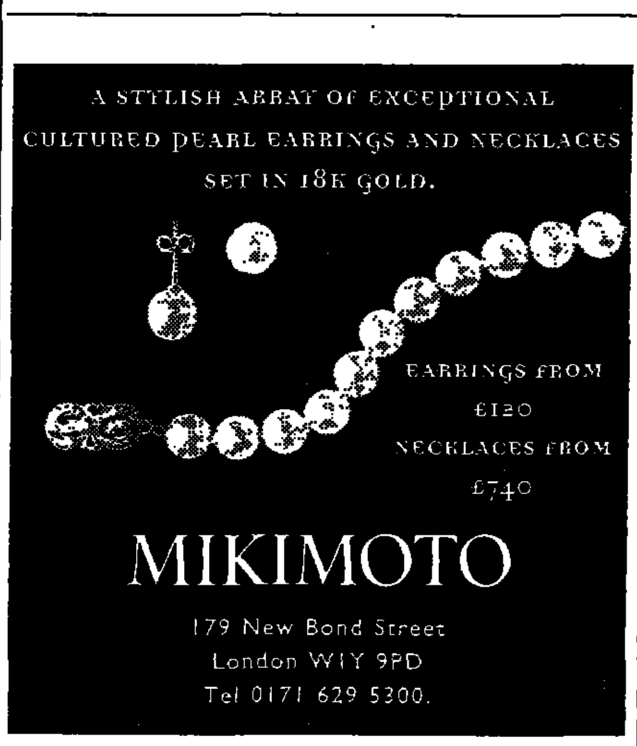
Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
625.40	Alex & Alex	1412½	+18¾	4.6	
4,403.70	Am Genl	2150	+50	3.7	
105.40	Angerstein	89		4.3	28.3
19.80	Archer	54		2.3	
42.10	Bradstock	66		10.8	9.2
1,415.30	Britannic	741	+22	2.4	
83.60	CLM Insce	97	-1	3.7	
4,176.20	Comm Union	628	+23	5.4	10.0
96.90	Dom & Genl	1425	-40	2.9	14.3
76.30	FBD IC	188½	+1½	3.9	7.9
50.90	Fenchurch Grp	141	-2	7.2	9.3
31.80	Fortney Undr	106		2.0	53.0
3,156.60	Gen Accident	659	+25	5.7	8.8
2,087.30	GRE	234	+5	4.5	4.5
59.00	HCG Lloyds	90½		4.4	32.0
109.20	Heath C E	182	-10	11.0	10.0
145.80	Hiberian	278½	-3	3.8	29.2
31.80	Hiscox Select	106		2.6	41.8
157.40	Independent	349	-10	3.6	7.7
781.10	Irish Life	257	+19	5.2	22.6
145.10	JIB Group	113	-4	8.3	13.3
26.70	Kiln Capital	99		5.1	
3,321.00	Legal & Genl	675	+23	4.2	19.9
4,513.30	Liberty Life	1853¼	+75	7.4	5.6
107.40	Lloyd Thompt	138		8.2	
3,065.20	Lloyds Abbey	441	-4	5.7	13.6
510.80	Londn & Manch	419	+7	5.3	17.1
281.40	London Ins Mkt	100½	-7½	3.6	29.6
77.80	Lowndes Lmb	131	+2	7.9	7.3
3,943.90	Marsh McLn	5350	-62½	3.9	
39.80	Masthead	99		3.2	26.4
67.80	Nelson Hurst	150		6.8	9.6
50.40	New London Cap	54		4.7	30.7
22.30	Ockham	46	-1	8.3	
27.20	Onell	97		6.8	11.0
16.00	Premium Trust	81		4.6	
16.00	Premium Under	121	+1		
8,086.60	Prudential	423	+23	4.4	18.0
5.62	PWS	18	+2	2.4	
744.50	Refuge	470	+21	3.4	32.6
2,517.40	Royal	385	+20	4.3	7.4
639.30	Sedgwick	117	+8	7.2	9.5
24.00	Steel Burrill	46	-2	20.4	4.6
3,039.90	Sun Alliance	373	+16	5.4	10.6
29.80	Syndicate Cap	92	-1	3.7	26.5
128.00	Trade Indemnt	70		2.0	31.1
564.10	Utd Friendly	708	+7	3.7	15.2
519.90	Willis Corroon	124	-2	6.7	68.4
4.73	Windsor	14		4.5	5.0

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
2,525.70	3i	431	+11	2.1	
33.20	Abtrust Emerg	66½	-1	0.4	
23.90	Abtrust High Inct	78½	-1	9.9	
86.80	Abtrust N Dawn	201	-2	0.7	
1,012.50	Alliance	2009	+23	3.2	
235.70	American Trust	283	+9	2.4	
528.70	Anglo & O'seas	463	+12	1.8	
36.90	Baillie Gifford SH	128	+1		
322.60	Bankers	208	+2½	2.4	
48.30	Baring Em Eu	39			
177.00	Baring Tribne	345	+4	2.4	
307.30	Br Assets	95¼	+1	6.1	
180.90	Br Empire Sec	93½	+1½	1.3	
4.52	Br Empire Wts	34	+4		
692.80	Br Inv	222	+2	2.9	
43.50	Brazilian	69½	-		
156.80	Brunner	245	+2	2.9	
60.70	BZW Conv	118½	+2	8.2	
109.50	Candover	489	+4	3.2	
81.00	Central Euro Gwth	40½	+½	1.4	
33.60	China & Eastern	164½	-2	2.7	
39.60	Cord Assel	181	+2	2.1	
5.47	Dartmoor Inv Inc	75		13.3	
51.80	Derby Cap	338	+5		
18.20	Derby Inc	154	+1	14.8	
225.90	Dunedin Inc G	706	+5	4.7	
16.30	Dunedin Japan	80½	-3		
54.70	Dunedin Smllr	325½	+½	3.5	
1.80	Dunedin Wts	20			
256.60	Dunedin Worldw	786	+12	1.6	
263.70	Edin Dragon	96	-½		
18.50	Edinburgh Inca	22½			
951.90	Edinburgh Inv	324	+5	3.7	
31.20	EFM Japan	138	-½		
633.50	Elecra Inv	366	+1	2.5	
194.40	Electric Gen	215	-2½	1.9	
1.88	English Scot	143	+1		
84.00	European Asset	337	-2	1.9	
101.60	Fidelity Euro Val	195	-½	0.2	
74.80	Fidelity Jap Val	71	-1½	0.2	
37.60	Fidelity Spec Valt	102½	+2	0.6	
27.50	Finsbury 'A'	172		3.5	
6.51	First Spanish	74		0.4	
203.50	Fleming Amer	298	-1	0.7	
33.60	Fleming Chinese	55½		1.1	
2.52	Fleming Cb Wts	31			
132.70	Fleming Claverh	240	+3	3.1	
222.70	Fleming Contl	341	+5	1.2	
129.60	Fleming Em Mkts	134	+5		
100.40	Fleming Entp	251	+½	2.6	
476.20	Fleming F East	315	-1	0.6	
50.00	Fleming Fledg	397		0.9	
32.80	Fleming Hi Inc	101	+½	5.6	
45.40	Fleming Indian	57½	-3	1.1	
4.45	Fleming In Wrt	38¼	-1½		
28.70	Fleming Intl	38½		11.9	
448.40	Fleming Japan	235½	+1½		
420.50	Fleming Merc	291	+1½	3.0	
36.20	Fleming Nat Res	88	+1½		
430.30	Fleming Overs	324	+6	1.8	
1,581.80	Foreign & Col	150½	+2	1.6	
44.90	For & Col Inc Gwth	104	+4	5.9	
187.90	Frgn Emg Mkts	100	+2		
80.80	Frgn Enterprise	86	+1	1.2	
157.00	Frgn Eurotst	252	+3½	0.6	
49.10	Frgn German	135	+1½	0.5	
391.50	Frgn Pacific	170	-1½	1.0	
76.80	Frgn PEP	135	+1	3.7	
181.40	Frgn Smaller	173½	+1½	1.5	
64.30	Frgn US Smr	128	+4		
2.97	Fulcrum Cap	18½	-½		
4.04	Fulcrum Inc	36			
13.90	Fulcrum Zero	160½			
108.50	Gartmore Brit	217	+1	4.2	
9.18	Gartmore Em	204	-4	2.5	
28.10	Gartmore Euro	165½	+½	0.9	
31.60	Gartmore Shrd	93	-½	12.9	
35.00	G'more Smlr Cos	243		3.0	
35.00	Geared Inc Invt	87	-½	11.9	
31.30	Genl Cons Cap	173	-1		
39.10	Genl Inc	108		11.1	
39.50	German Inv	101	+2½	0.2	
73.50	Gov Asn Sm Cos	196	+2	0.2	
34.50	Gov Emg Mkt	96½	+2	0.4	
45.60	Govett Am Smlr	183	+10		
18.50	Gov Glob Smlr	85	+1		
36.60	Govett High Inc	76½	-1½	9.2	
628.90	Govett Oriental	350	+3½	0.4	
280.90	Govett Strategic	286	+4	3.0	
52.60	Greenfriar	435	-1	2.0	
0.25	Gresham House	6			
142.90	GT Japan	229	+4	0.7	
87.40	H Govett Smlr▼	132		1.9	
32.40	Hend Highlt	124		5.8	
58.80	Hend Strata	362	+2½	0.2	
83.20	Herald	128	+5	0.5	
18.70	High Income T	82½	-1	9.1	
88.60	HTR Jap Smaller	88½	+5		
0.45	IRS Ent	75	-1		
33.60	IBS UK Smllr	116	+2	3.0	
359.70	Inv Capt	145	+3½	4.6	
38.10	Int Biotech	101	+3	1.2	
	Int Wts	36	+3		
100.40	INVESCO Asia	89½	-		
7.96	INVESCO Blue	63	-1	16.7	
673.70	INVESCO Eng Int	133	+5	0.8	
46.30	INVESCO Korea	139	-1		
58.90	INVESCO Tokyo	52½	+1		
27.60	J Fry 2nd U	95	-2½	5.0	
8.94	J Fry Euro U	83	-1	6.7	
134.70	JF Fledg Jap	214	+2½		
31.40	Jupiter Intl Grn	125		7.4	
197.60	Klnwt Chrl	244	+6½	2.8	
29.90	Klnwt E Mid	105½	-½		
38.90	Klnwt End	129½	+3½		
412.60	Klnwt Euro Pvt	82½	+1¼	3.5	
21.80	Klnwt Euro Wts	21¼	-½		
24.60	Klnwt H Inc	82	+1	12.5	
211.70	Klnwt O'seas	264	+6	1.7	
18.00	Klnwt Smlr	136		2.2	
140.40	Korea—Euro	571¾	-15¼	0.1	
79.20	Latin American	88	+4½		
216.60	Law Debenture	954	+29	2.8	
24.80	Lloyds Sm Cap	101	+3		
6.62	Lloyds Sm Div	27	+½	17.1	
31.40	Lloyds Sm Pkg	128	+2	3.6	
57.70	Lon St Lawrence	176	+3	4.5	
44.70	Lon Smaller Cost	98	+1	4.0	
79.90	Lowland	337	+1	3.8	
194.00	Lydenburg	1225		1.8	
64.00	M&G 2nd Dual Co	640	-10		
11.00	M&G 2nd Dual In	110		27.7	
129.10	M&G Dual Cap	3038	+33		
12.90	M&G Dual Inc	225	+2		
64.90	M&G Inc Geared	64½	+1	9.8	
76.40	M&G Inc Inv Tst Cp	31	+½		
85.00	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inc	34½	+½	19.3	
187.30	M&G Inc Package	128½	-½	4.9	
159.60	M&G Inc Zero Dw	64¾	-½		
32.30	M&G Rec Cap	24	+½		
497.50	M&G Rec Geared	50		9.9	
35.70	M&G Rec Inc	25½		18.6	
154.90	M&G Rec Parne	138	+1	3.6	
122.60	M&G Rec Zero Dw	91			
26.30	M Currie Euro	114	+5	0.4	
55.40	M Currie Pac	135	+1	0.1	
114.40	Marlbo	217	+5	3.4	
9.02	Marston	44			
284.40	Merchants	278	+2½	5.2	
506.00	Mercury Euro Pv	88		2.0	
30.50	Mercury Eur Wt	26½	+½		
370.60	Mercury World	87	-1	0.9	
12.80	Mercury Wld Wts	15			
440.00	Monks Inv Tst	567	+2	1.7	
55.70	Morg Gren Inc	161½	+2	3.9	
3.00	Morg Wts	62	+2		
35.00	Morg Lam Amer	54½			
2.73	Morg Wts	21½	-		
32.80	Murray Eur	133	+1	2.4	
1.11	Murray Eur Wts	23	+1		
49.60	Murray Emg Eco	76½	+2½		
2.54	Murray Em Ec Wt	19½	-1		
16.80	Murray Euro	55½	+½	0.8	
0.63	Murray Eu Wts	10½			
319.80	Murray Incme	371	+5	4.0	
449.50	Murray Intl	374	+6	4.2	
11.60	Murray S/C DP	131½	-½		
8.06	Murray S/C Cap	135	+3		
5.84	Murray S/C Inc	73		17.8	
1.57	Murray S/C Unit	3025		0.4	
243.50	Murray Small	434	+9	1.3	
90.20	Murray Ventr	365	+7	4.1	
5.07	Newmarket	14			
22.70	Nthwing Inc	58		10.4	
17.40	Nthwing Cap	70			
133.70	O'seas Inv Tst	351	-2	1.3	
2.89	O'seas Wts	161			
107.40	Pacific Assets	116½	-½	0.3	
28.90	Perpetual Jap	79	-3		
14.90	Perpl Uk Sm Co	297	+1	1.0	
21.00	Personal Assets	£105¼	+12½	2.2	
38.70	Pilot Inv	107	-½	2.2	
78.20	Prolific Inc	117¼	+2	3.4	
360.00	RIT Cap Ptnr	199	+4	1.0	
12.90	River Merc Am Cap	34½	+½		
7.72	River Merc Am Inc	103		9.5	
0.71	River Merc Am Wts	9½			
52.30	River Merc Cap	130	+2		
33.10	River Merc Ex Inct	83	+2½	11.0	
0.60	River Merc Ex IncW	10	+2		
11.60	River Merc Gro Inc	83		11.6	
9.62	River Merc Grd Pd	27½			
87.70	River Merc Tst Inc	109	+1	10.8	
35.10	River Merc Sm Co	136	+2	4.0	
1.70	River Merc Sm Wt	35	+2		
	Robeco	446	+6	3.2	
	Rolinco	467	+3	1.6	
86.30	Schrod Inc Gwth	109	-1		
109.40	Schrod Jap Gwth	87½	+2		
53.20	Schrod Korea	805½	+11¾		
1.60	Schrod Medtn	291	+2	0.3	
7.08	Schrod Splt Cap	25	-½		
58.30	Schrod Splt Inc	103	+1	9.6	
48.20	Schrod Splt Zero	127¼			
140.40	Schrod UK Gwth	119	+2	2.5	
700.00	Scot	247	-3½	2.7	
367.80	Scot American	164½	+1½	3.8	
56.30	Scot Asian	268	+5		
4.54	Scot Wts	648	-10		
592.40	Scot Eastern	93½	+2½	2.2	
892.70	Scot Mtgel	247½	+5	2.3	
153.30	Scot Natl Tst	96	-1	10.3	
56.80	Scot Value	113	+1½	2.2	
345.40	Second Alnce	1799	-32	3.2	
291.50	Secs Tst of Scott	91	+2½	4.6	
41.60	Selective Assett	144		1.4	
26.80	SHIRESCOT	138		5.2	
121.40	St Andrew Inv	355		3.0	
222.70	Temple Bar	338	+9	4.6	
120.10	Thrdo Asian E	100½	+½	0.6	
2.03	Throg Dual Cp	58			
244.60	Throgmorton	60½	+1½	3.6	
477.90	Tipton Emg Mkt	119	-3½	0.9	
348.00	TR City Of Lon	168½	+3	4.0	
113.10	TR Euro Growth	198½	+1	1.1	
71.90	TR Far East	159½	+½	4.8	
138.90	TR Pacific	102½	+1	0.2	
128.20	TR Property	27¼	-¼	4.3	
363.50	TR Smlr Cos	204	+2	2.4	
66.50	TR Tech Inv	183	+1	1.9	
19.60	Turkey Trust	198	-10	1.3	
92.60	USDC Invest	253	+7	2.2	
88.50	Undervalued Ast	115	+½	1.9	
57.00	Value Inc Tst	127	-1½	4.3	
8.38	Voyageur Er Sm	83	-2	0.8	
26.40	Warrants & Val	33			
12.20	Wigmore	60		1.7	
953.30	Witan	254	+1	3.1	
20.70	Yeoman Inc	84		20.4	

LEISURE & HOTELS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
6.00	Abrdn Stk H	50			
372.70	Airtours	325	-1	5.4	7.1
30.80	Ald Leis	44	+3		16.8
169.30	Alpha Airpts	101	-1	5.9	10.1
66.40	Arcadian	60	+4	1.7	
8.82	BS Group	140		2.7	19.2
30.60	Baldwin	160	-5	3.4	12.9
30.40	Barr & Wall	204	-1	6.1	10.3
174.20	Bluebird Toys	380	-15	2.3	11.7
93.10	Boosey Hwks	478		1.6	35.0
5.52	Brent Walker	1½	-¼		
41.20	Bumbene	39	-2	6.2	13.3
7.54	Caskel Pic	8	+½	6.2	
92.40	Chrysalis	346	-1		
177.80	City Centre Rest	92		2.7	17.8
1,409.90	Compass Gp	448	-9	2.0	23.3
78.80	Eurocamp	233	-2	5.7	10.9
1,384.70	Euro Disney	181	-20		
22.50	Euro Leisure	170	-9		5.1
144.80	First Choice▼	61	-1	7.1	11.9
559.50	First Leisure	342	-3	2.6	20.3
2,481.10	Forte	262	+19	3.6	29.8
31.40	Friendly Hotels	158	+12	4.5	18.5
3,978.00	Granada	680	+34	1.9	18.4
36.80	Groupe Chez Gert	197	-2	1.5	23.4
15.20	Hi-Tec Sports	30	-½	5.3	
13.30	Hornby	180		3.9	15.8
88.50	Jurys Hotel	208½	+1	3.7	13.3
57.60	Kunick	24½	-1	3.8	27.0
295.90	London Clubs	418	-19	4.0	14.1
1,430.80	Ladbroke	157	+1½	5.9	38.6
1.65	Magnaka	29		0.4	
119.80	Man Utd	197	-7	2.9	8.2
511.30	Mandarin Orntl	74	+3½	4.8	18.1
34.60	My Kinda Town	13½		2.7	13.7
46.30	Northern	56	+9	5.2	11.7
75.80	Pelican Gp	103	+1	1.8	21.4
117.70	PizzaExpress	211	+5	1.3	25.1
11.00	Prism Leisure	129	+1	4.6	9.7
31.90	Queens Moat	8¼			
23.60	Ramsdens (H)	268		2.1	31.5
3,211.50	Rank Org	386	-22	4.5	13.1
20.00	Ryan Hotels	30½		5.3	10.7
252.50	Savoy Hotel 'A'	883		1.0	46.6
389.90	Stakis	81	+3	2.5	18.0
184.30	Stanley Leisure	343	+3	2.2	16.1
1,297.90	Tanyorg	346		1.8	22.2
6,579.00	Thorn EMI	1530	+52	3.0	25.9
31.20	Tottenham Hot	195		1.9	6.4
17.40	Toy Options	87	-4	3.7	12.9
92.60	VCI	238	+1	2.3	16.3
101.20	Vardon	115	-3	1.7	17.2
161.10	Wembley	300	+2		
9.18	Zetters Gp	124	-2	10.1	9.7



MEDIA

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
156.70	Abbott Mead	485	+15	2.0	28.7
47.20	Adscene	265	+5	3.8	14.7
319.40	Aegis Gp	38½	+1		15.5
5.50	Allied Radio	4	..		
0.83	BBB Design	10			
50.40	Barbour Index	298	+1	3.8	36.8
7.56	Bristole	7½		...	
5.20	Boase (M&C)	225		5.2	13.0
250.90	Bertham Gp	248	-1	5.3	15.1
22.40	Border TV	320	-1	2.7	20.6
55.70	Bristol	342		4.7	22.7
6,782.60	BSkyB	395½	+3½	0.8	44.8
53.20	CIA Gp	139		1.3	25.4
37.00	Caledonian Med	24½			
338.70	Capital Radio	484	+20	2.8	
2,249.90	Carlton Comm	974	+21	2.8	15.1
7.27	City of Lon	92	+1	6.9	11.5
239.40	Conroy	108	+9		
55.20	Daily Mail	1303½	+9½	1.6	18.0
1,111.70	Daily Mail 'A'	1316½	+12½	1.8	15.4
345.80	Dorling Kndl	509	-7	1.6	41.5
1,139.20	EMAP	563	+22	2.2	25.2
5,572.40	Elsevier	847¼	+27	2.7	20.9
267.90	Euromoney Pb	955	-67	5.7	13.6
6.01	Filch	22½			14.8
537.40	Flextech	485			
63.50	GWR Grp	238	+10	2.8	19.3
108.90	Gem Gp	154	-1	1.5	30.6
6.08	Goodhead	20		0.3	
66.20	Grampian	303		2.8	18.7
242.70	HTV Group	277	+8	1.2	23.6
42.10	Haynes Pub	370		4.4	13.3
8.24	Highbury Hse	26	+1		
92.50	Hodder H'line	264		2.8	16.4
14.80	Home Counties	140		4.9	16.0
5.97	Incepta	9		14.7	4.2
456.50	Indy News	380	-3	2.3	18.2
119.00	Intl Bus Comm	306	-3	3.3	13.1
4.55	Intercept	93	+½	9.8	
214.90	Johnston Press	161	-2	1.6	19.4
9.56	Lopex	18		2.5	17.3
244.70	MAID	301	-49		
63.10	Metal Bulletin	652	-2	3.5	26.6
174.40	Midland Ind	128½	+3½	5.4	13.2
75.00	Mirror Gp	175	-11	2.6	11.4
149.60	More O'Ferrall	456	-4	3.7	18.8
5,998.50	News Corp	310	-6	0.5	9.2
1,954.50	News Intl	293	-12	1.4	11.1
5.11	Osprey Comms	19		1.3	
3,596.40	Pearson	649	-26	3.0	19.0
61.10	Phonelink	198	-1		
69.00	Portsmth Sund	575	+32	2.6	14.3
48.20	Quarto	323	-2	3.0	13.3
5,582.20	Reed Intl	988	+32	2.8	25.6
10,458.20	Reuters	624	+14	1.7	36.5
73.85	Scot Radio	300		2.4	21.5
235.80	Scot TV	483	-1	4.0	32.2
45.10	SelecTV	31½	-2		53.4
50.40	Shandwick	37	-½	4.4	8.6
17.90	Sleepy Hds	43	-1		23.0
40.20	Seccombe	257	-15	2.4	15.8
14.50	Sterling Pub	30		3.1	
5.90	Sussex & Kent	100		5.1	
92.10	Taylor Nelson	42	-2½	2.1	21.3
583.90	Telegraph	423	+20	3.8	32.0
4,983.40	Thomson Corp	835	+18¾	5.2	11.9
231.20	Trinity Intl	336	+9	4.0	12.9
100.50	Ulster TV	957		2.9	18.6
1,368.90	United News	556	+28	5.2	14.6
11.50	VTR	114	-20	4.9	
1,172.10	WPP	159	-½	0.9	21.9
335.80	Yorkshire TV	620	+11½	1.5	66.3

MINING

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,083.20	Ang Am Coal	4300		2.7	16.0
8,979.60	Ang Am	3850	-87½	2.1	29.6
1,256.30	Ang Am Gold	5200	-21¼	4.2	14.8
20.60	Anglo Pac Res	25½	-1		
60.90	Arcon Intl	22	+1		
986.50	Ashanti	1175	-53½	1.4	13.8
237.70	Ashton	85	+3	6.2	
50.90	Bakyrchik	192	+6		
522.30	Beatrix	555¼	-4½	3.9	25.6
3.75	Bisichi	31		2.9	
22.40	Blyvoors	93½	-1½		
108.30	Bougainville	26	-3		
1.89	Bracken	13½	-½	6.5	
30.10	Buffels	275	-11½		
6,040.50	CRA	1013	-21	2.9	23.5
62.20	Cams Pacific	62	+2		
66.40	Cluff Res	67	-7		
	Coal Fr	52	-15		
10.50	Cons Murchison	168	-28	3.7	4.5
7,171.40	De Beers	1912½	-37½	2.5	21.2
51.50	Leeflow	51½	-6½	1.7	
1,544.40	Driefontein	757	-4½	5.4	18.6
9.55	Durban▲	410½	-43½		
77.60	E Rand Gold	169½	-9½	13.1	7.7
48.10	E Rand Prop	38½	-		
55.50	Eastern Trans	65		1.8	61.9
247.50	Elandsrand	335½	-5½	2.1	12.3
1,040.70	Eng China Clay	343	-3	6.0	16.5
685.90	FS Cons	328½	-63	4.7	21.2
8.04	FS Dev	36		3.4	
1,674.70	GFSA	1231½	-21½	2.5	
521.50	Gen Mining	259½	-1	2.5	
	Gencor	212	-3	1.5	30.5
16.30	Gold Fields Prop▼	150		7.1	6.7
16.20	Greenwich R	14	-1		
11.60	Grootvlei	145½	-17½	3.9	18.1
62.31	Hartbeest	124½	-6½	1.0	19.4
182.50	Harmony	525½	-4½	1.2	17.4
175.50	Hartebst	156½	-1	9.5	11.7
691.30	Impala Plat	1439½	-28½	2.2	20.7
37.50	Kinross	57	-1	15.4	7.0
102.60	Kloof	557½	-18½	7.5	7.0
960.70	Kloof	627½	-10½	4.8	20.6
10.30	Leslie	67½	-2½	11.8	5.7
34.30	Libanon	155	-13½		
11.20	Loraine	13	-1		
1,401.40	LTG	88	-1	2.7	
4,112.60	Minorco	1825		2.2	23.1
15.10	Monarch	11	-3		
6.66	Nthgate	105	-2	2.7	9.0
58.70	Nthn	72	-2	5.1	8.5
1,208.10	Nth Swthr	182	-5	2.9	26.3
22.10	Pasminco	100	-2		
33.90	Peko	353	-13	1.0	
817.20	Placer Pac	150	-1		
237.40	RGC	550	-2	3.0	14.7
9,733.10	RTZ	839	-5	2.4	13.1
7.89	Rangold	49	+2	2.6	12.5
453.80	Rand Mines	797			
248.70	Randfontein	466½	-25½	8.5	16.9
559.40	Renison	279	-7	1.7	
1,510.90	Rustenbg	1184½	-62½	3.2	
91.60	St Helena	39		3.7	9.7
43.20	St Helena	453	-29½	12.6	6.7
233.80	Scot Castle	128	-25	3.6	21.1
66.70	Sheen Pacific	24			
408.30	Southvaal	1571¼	-118½	4.9	20.4
5.05	Stilfontein	39½	-1	3.9	
49.60	Unisel	177½	-5½	6.5	12.9
794.20	Vaal Reefs	4168½	-50	3.9	9.1
16.20	Wankie Col	16	+½	7.7	3.6
12.90	Water Hall	1½			
107.20	Wels Basel	515		3.4	17.2
578.10	Western Deep	2095½	-175	2.9	10.7
4,646.30	Western Mng	420½	+6	1.4	43.1
62.80	Winkels	516½	-5½	7.2	10.7
36.20	Zambia Copper	30			
43.60	Zandpan	33½	-5½	6.9	

OIL & GAS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
57.70	Abbot Group	57	+6		
199.40	Aran Energy	78½			
	Aus Oil & Gas	47½	-1½		
17.30	Aviva Pet	55	+10		
130.30	Br Borneo	289		3.2	13.5
10,397.80	British Gas	237¼	-½	7.6	16.9
27,363.40	Br Petroleum	491	+20½	3.6	14.3
15.00	Buls Resources	2			
1,975.80	Burmah Castrol	983		3.9	18.1
95.30	Cairn Energy	108	-1		
387.60	Calor Gp	230	-8	6.8	12.7
208.50	Clyde Pet	51		2.6	10.7
15.20	Coplex Res	9	+½		
28.90	Dragon Oil	1½			
7.66	Edin Oil & Gs	22			12.3
1,691.00	Enterprise	343		5.8	19.4
57.90	Harcros	235		5.5	10.5
83.70	Fortune	7¼			57.2
87.90	Goal Pet	66½	-1½	2.9	10.0
19.20	Gt Western Res	17			
212.10	Hardy O & G	187	+1	0.7	
9.33	Int Tool & Sup	6¼			
119.00	JKX Oil & Gas	174	-9		
1,515.00	LASMO	157	+5	0.8	
2.83	Lasmo Units	40	+2	25.9	
392.20	Monument	58½	+½		37.3
5,910.70	Norsk Hydro	2581¼	-3½	1.7	13.9
12.60	Oceanics	28½			
153.00	Oil Search	50			
	Petroz	28½			
256.40	Premier	25½	-½		15.3
2.80	Presidn	11			
24.80	Pittencrief Rs	43		1.5	
73.10	Ramco Enr	379	+12	0.3	52.4
354.50	Ranger	360	-3	5.7	
43,911.70	Royal Dtch Pl	8190¾	+384½	4.5	14.9
10,252.20	Schlumberger	4212½	+340½	2.3	
3.78	Scott Pickard	31		3.8	6.1
45.20	Seafield	88			46.1
36,105.60	Shell	787½	+50½	4.6	17.5
9,767.70	Total	4316¾	+366¼	3.7	15.0
14.70	Villiers Gp	12½	-½		
2,080.00	Woodside	312	+6	1.2	
56.70	XCL	30	-3		

OTHER FINANCIAL

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
17.40	BWD	89		5.9	14.5
43.20	Baltic Plc	143	-4	2.8	7.8
2.67	Berry Bch Nbl	41	-2	7.9	11.6
136.80	Biotec Inv	230	+10		
31.60	Brown Dolphn	153	+1	4.9	15.9
568.80	Caledonia	685		3.1	20.6
50.00	Cementia	2000		2.3	18.4
25.60	Carlisle	18½	+¼	1.7	17.3
281.90	Caltes	207		1.9	18.3
5.66	Christie	24	+1		
7.25	EFG	15½	+½	4.0	3.1
43.50	EFT Group	87	+5	2.6	15.7
131.50	ERA	693		4.3	16.2
173.70	Exco	141	+5	5.3	7.2
574.30	Gartmore	285	+1	2.4	24.1
160.20	Govett	228	-2	8.2	3.7
267.80	Henderson Ad	1234	-5	4.6	24.9
653.80	Invesco	260	+6	2.4	17.9
12.10	Investment Co	44		6.6	
72.00	Ivory Sime	230	-2	4.1	17.1
1,613.00	Jardine Strat	170½	+4½	5.5	5.6
20.10	Johnson Fry	123	+2	3.8	9.3
215.20	Lon Forfaitng	212	+5	5.6	15.1
101.10	Lon Scot Bk	166		3.3	19.2
432.00	Man ED & F	169	+9	7.1	7.8
945.70	M & G	1265	-18	3.1	22.1
1,118.30	MAI	340	+15	3.2	16.9
	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	127½	-5	5.9	...
1,602.30	MAM	878	+9	3.9	19.4
82.50	Nat Home Loan	94	+2		3.3
463.40	Perpetual	1667	-31	3.7	
1,098.90	Provident	806	+6	3.9	17.6
73.90	Rathbone Brs	313		3.8	16.1
101.80	Rutland Tst	41	+1	4.0	17.9
36.00	S & U	305	+1	5.3	9.0
315.10	SIP Capital	116	-1		
4,347.70	Save Pacific	442½	-9½	2.7	17.7
7.24	Towry Law	47	-13	6.6	
941.90	Travelstar	343	+5	5.1	23.0
8.35	Tro Hldgs	10	-1	1.2	16.4
3.30	Western Selecn	22	...	1.4	...

PHARMACEUTICALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
474.30	Brit Biotech	980	+7		
35.30	Cantab Pharms	330			
350.60	Celltech	491	+10		
195.80	Chiroscience	288	+9		
162.40	Cortecs	147	+31		
1,824.20	Fisons	254		1.2	
30,992.50	Glaxo Wellcome	885½	+33½	4.2	20.3
806.70	Medeva	273	+2	1.6	17.6
482.30	Scotia	649	+4		
9,653.30	SmithKline	691	+45	2.5	20.4
8,908.00	Smithkline Uts	680	+54	2.5	20.1
12,273.10	Zeneca	1296	+57	2.7	26.4

PRINTING & PAPER

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
24.70	AG Holdings	137		5.4	
112.90	API	525	-2	3.2	22.8
1,578.50	Arjo Wiggins	192½	-17½	4.9	8.7
7.92	Ampquay Gp	48	+4		
36.50	Aspen Comms	245	-20	2.9	18.2
128.10	Bemrose	399	+1	4.2	12.8
922.70	Bowater Inc	2521¼	-38¾		
149.90	Bonmore Intl	427	-2	1.4	20.1
271.80	Br Polythenet	668	-21	2.8	15.3
4.19	Br Thornton	26		9.6	8.8
213.40	Britton Grpt	154	+2	2.2	16.4
797.20	Bunzl	179½	-18½	3.6	12.4
49.60	Capital Indst	170		3.7	12.2
2,334.60	Carnaud MM	2893¾	+121½	3.0	17.1
25.50	Cropper (James)	307		1.5	15.8
2,027.10	De La Rue	909	-11	3.2	16.6
5.42	Delyn Group	63		3.5	9.2
26.00	Dolphin Pack	111	+1	5.3	14.0
31.10	Fairway Group	95		4.9	13.9
94.10	Ferguson Intl	223	-1	7.1	10.3
18.00	Ferry Pick	134		5.6	12.0
97.90	Inveresk	186	-4	3.8	18.6
131.70	Jarvis Porter	282	+1	2.8	14.9
476.70	Low & Bonar	483	-22	3.1	14.5
91.90	MY Holdings	68	-1	3.8	
252.90	Macfarlane	298		2.0	19.7
30.40	Photobition	294	+19	2.6	19.7
92.50	Plysu	194		4.5	21.6
1,874.90	REXAM	372	-33	4.7	12.0
439.80	St Ives Grp	440	+8½	2.4	17.3
1,681.00	Sappi	1119½	-69¾	0.5	
5.20	Sent	7	-½		
101.70	Seltaw	148		9.7	
833.30	Smith David	265½	+10½	3.1	10.5
1,808.60	Smurfit (Jeff)	168		2.8	9.8
1.68	Sninic	84		4.5	7.1
191.50	Wace	244	+3	2.9	11.5
237.30	Waddington (J)	327½	-1½	4.8	14.0
287.60	Watmough	423	+2	2.5	18.0
57.00	Wyndeham	190	+5	3.0	17.1

PROPERTY

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
45.90	Allied Lon	66	-½	7.6	6.0
164.20	Argent	299			
9.96	Artesian Ests	74	-2	2.5	17.8
94.40	Asda Prop	120	-1	2.6	30.0
185.50	Bilton	211	-2	5.9	15.0
68.20	Birkby	140	-2	6.6	8.5
7.92	Bolton Gp	27			
28.70	Bourne End	47		3.1	62.6
268.60	Bradford	184	+3	5.2	16.8
6.86	Brightstone	98		5.0	45.9
1,455.40	Br Land	394	+20	2.5	33.2
396.90	Brixton	170	+4	6.3	15.8
411.90	Burford	138½	+4	1.7	37.0
99.70	CLS Hldgs	95		6.6	13.0
57.30	Cap & Region	148		1.9	16.0
776.70	Cap Shop Ctrs	202	+2	4.3	24.1
5.36	Cardiff Prop	153		2.1	27.7
32.30	Cathay Intl	11½	-2½		
266.70	Chelsfield	170	+5	1.9	37.3
84.10	Chesterfield	429		3.8	18.5
38.00	Chesterton Intl	67	-1	5.6	
6.16	City Site Ests	39			9.1
11.90	Clarke Nickolls	7	+½	3.9	9.9
21.20	Compco	101		4.1	12.7
27.50	Control Secs	23		3.1	25.7
189.90	Daejan	1165	-3	3.4	11.2
13.70	Dares Estates	3	-		
21.10	Debenham Tewson	50	+8	8.6	9.2
25.70	Dencora	138		3.4	13.6
117.60	Derwent Hldgs▼	303	+5	2.1	15.8
50.80	Development Sect	175	+18	1.7	
16.90	Dwyer	33	+1	4.3	12.0
10.40	Eleco	35	-1		19.7
19.50	Estates Agency	325		5.3	
2.78	Estates Gen	15			
14.20	Evans Of Leeds	108	+3	3.2	17.1
25.60	Ex-Lands	23	+½	2.8	
23.90	Fiscal Prop	54½	+2½	4.4	16.8
21.50	Five Oaks	21	-1½	4.2	
1.57	Fletcher King	18	+1	6.9	
6.73	Folkes Group	59		3.4	7.8
13.70	Folkes Group nv	57		3.5	7.5
221.90	Frogmore	432½	+½	5.2	
58.80	Grainger	245	-11	3.1	13.5
543.60	Gt Portland	168	+3	6.6	13.0
174.60	Greycoat	136	-1	0.6	
115.20	Hambro Cntryw	35	+3	0.2	
969.20	Hammerson	342	+9	3.7	23.9
52.60	Helical Bar	323	+1	2.6	12.5
37.50	Hemingway	22½		3.1	15.4
2.19	Herring Baker	11			
1.46	High-Point	28	+2	2.2	
2,693.70	HK Land	99½	-10	7.4	11.2
16.00	Jermyn	180		2.0	
4.85	Kendell	1			
3,034.30	Land Sec	593	+11	5.4	17.1
44.80	London Indl	289	+1	4.8	15.2
23.20	Lon & Assoc	31½		2.7	16.4
2.38	Lon & Metro	5			
218.60	Lon Merch Sec	89½	-1½	6.1	20.1
1,579.20	MEPC	388	+15	6.4	21.1
3.31	McInerney A	5½			
32.10	McKay Secs	134	-1	4.9	17.4
12.80	Menale Met	75		6.2	10.9
18.40	Moorfield Est	27	+1	4.6	14.6
48.20	Mountview	1050		3.3	7.6
128.80	Mucklow (A&J)	132	-1	6.1	18.0
3.31	ORB	0¾			
13.40	Olives Prop	26	+1	1.4	23.3
157.10	PSIT	129		5.2	15.2
244.00	Peel	312	+1	2.3	
167.50	Pillar Prop	148	-4	2.5	40.5
2.33	Power Corp	2			
18.70	Prestige Land▲	4½			14.9
20.00	RPS Group	106		3.7	13.9
38.10	Raglan	23	-1½	5.4	7.2
26.90	Regalian	23	+3		26.4
17.90	Rowlinson Secs	143		2.0	11.1
16.70	Rugby Est	93		2.8	8.2
59.90	St Modwen Prp	51	+1½	4.4	7.5
58.00	Saville Grdn (J)	57	-1	6.6	13.3
18.70	Savills	48	+3	6.5	8.7
92.70	Scot Met	71	-½	4.4	11.0
58.90	Shaftesbury	121		1.5	26.4
788.80	Slough Estates	202	+5	5.0	24.6
22.30	Smart (J)	220	+1	5.3	
47.60	Southend Prop	44	+2	7.2	
33.20	Specity Shops	105		1.5	14.6
122.10	TBI	55	-½	0.4	39.4
63.40	Tops Ests	132		2.1	35.3
112.10	Town Centre	67	+2	4.8	
67.50	Trafford Park	99	+4	4.2	
5.14	UK Land	48		2.6	5.4
13.60	WSP Group	49	-4	5.4	11.0
98.70	Warner	303	-1	7.0	17.2
78.70	Warnford	205		4.8	16.9
135.90	Wates	68½	-½		
1.85	Whitney Mck	28			
3.53	Wood John D	43	+5	5.8	10.7

RETAILERS, FOOD

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
2,906.40	ASDA Group	99½	+3½	2.8	16.9
3,394.20	Argyll	298	-1	5.0	12.8
343.00	Brake Bros	666	-8	1.6	20.0
54.50	Budgen	33½	+½	4.1	31.5
4.09	Cullens	15½		4.0	21.8
869.20	Dairy Farm Intl	50½	+½	7.6	7.3
71.20	Farepak	307	-1	3.1	15.0
126.20	Fitzwilton	50		5.7	21.2
276.30	Fyffes	98	-4	3.0	14.0
84.00	Gateway	117	-22½	8.7	46.7
130.90	Greggs	1148		2.6	15.8
432.10	Iceland Group	154	-3	4.3	9.2
926.80	Kwik Save	596	-6	4.3	10.7
13.20	Merchant Retail	15½	-1		10.8
1,080.30	Morrison (W)	146½	-3½	1.1	14.6
225.50	Nurdin Peacock	176	-4	5.0	18.7
145.30	Park Foods	90	+1	4.0	15.5
2.94	Regina Hlth	13			
6,967.70	Sainsbury J	382	-8½	3.9	12.7
6,015.90	Tesco	283½	+3½	3.9	13.5
87.40	Thorntons	138	-2	4.9	15.6
214.40	Watson& Philip	501	+9	3.9	17.6

RETAILERS, GENERAL

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
38.00	Alexon	66	+1½		
191.50	Alldays	178	-1	4.8	10.0
1,874.80	Argos Plc	550	+16	2.7	23.2
303.00	Ashley (Laura)	129	-2		
197.80	Asprey	247	+1	0.6	33.9
57.80	Austin Reed	186	-1	4.0	10.7
54.10	Beattie (J) 'A'	132		6.2	14.4
42.80	Bentalls	102	+1	2.6	11.1
71.70	Blenwood	68½	-2½	4.7	39.3
15.10	Blacks Leis	47½	-2½	6.0	24.1
244.80	Body Shop	150	-2	2.2	8.9
5,445.40	Boots	572	+13½	3.8	15.8
31.90	Brown & Jackson	25	+1		
384.20	Brown (N)	270		2.4	20.4
1,648.10	Burton	116	+4½	2.4	23.3
14.80	Cantors	98	+1	3.8	16.9
294.90	Carpetright	384	+20	1.4	35.0
337.60	Charles Intl	206	-2	2.6	22.9
41.70	Church	383		4.5	15.7
19.10	Clinton Cards	102	+1	6.0	12.8
26.50	Clty Casuals	139	-1	4.9	
181.30	Courts Furnish	740		1.1	21.6
3.12	Crown Eye	195		6.7	8.0
368.90	DFS Furniture	354	+7	2.6	21.4
1,689.90	Dixons Grp	421	+2½	2.5	25.4
6.96	Dys (Wmbldn)	580		3.9	36.9
12.30	ERA Gp	9½	-1½		15.1
13.10	Essex Furn	114		4.8	
108.40	Etam	165		4.7	
309.50	Fine Art Dev	385	+1	5.0	11.8
3.76	Fred Cntrl	66		1.9	25.8
24.90	Flying Flowers	137	-½	2.0	17.9
33.00	French Conn	183			11.9
204.70	Frost Group	218	+8	3.7	18.8
19.00	Gaves	79	+5	3.2	17.9
44.60	Goldsmiths Grp	201	+6	2.1	18.2
5,925.30	GUS	589	+4	3.2	16.0
74.10	Hamleys	325	+1	3.0	18.6
10.70	Hampden Grp	71	-2	2.6	13.7
344.40	Hse of Fraser	150	-3	4.6	19.3
12.20	Hughes (T.J.)	59	-1	5.6	13.0
20.60	Innovations	147	+1	1.3	74.4
149.10	JJB Sports	497	+39	1.5	23.2
3,435.30	Kingfisher	512	+21	3.7	17.1
34.30	Kingsway Grp	145	+4	2.0	28.4
76.00	Liberty	338		2.7	31.5
311.00	Lloyds Chemt	256	+24	5.0	9.6
960.80	MFI	168	+19	3.2	21.6
12,443.90	Marks Spencer	443	+23½	3.0	19.2
349.70	Menzies (John)	629	-4	2.6	14.1
58.40	Moss Bros	579		3.0	16.9
1,647.40	Next	440	+33	2.9	24.0
2.62	OEM	43	-1		
11.10	Olives (G)	44	+3	2.8	49.0
181.80	Ottagrne Intl	340	+1	4.1	13.6
15.70	Partridge Fine	71		5.8	9.8
33.70	QS Hldgs	60	-5	10.8	15.7
32.20	Rhino Grp▲	12½			
42.80	Rosebys	192	+17	3.2	22.2
1,521.00	Sears	100	-3	4.9	15.9
38.80	Signet Group	13½	-		
1,133.20	Smith WH	405	-7	4.8	14.3
304.70	Sotheby's	898	-22	1.7	72.6
1,322.80	Storehouse	316	+23	2.5	21.2
54.80	Stylo	121	-2	4.8	10.4
119.80	T & S Stores	184	-1	4.6	11.7
83.10	Tie Rack	162	-2	2.1	16.9
4.75	Upton & South	2¼			
3,651.20	Vendome	552	-11	2.1	
27.60	WEW Group	18	+4¼	4.6	
0.41	Wld of Leather	55		3.5	64.1
69.90	Wyevale	182	+2	3.5	16.2

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
5,170.00	Allied Domecq	500	+19½	6.0	19.7
262.40	Bulmer (HP)	497		3.0	16.8
82.40	Burn Stewart	139	+1	4.5	29.9
9,200.40	Grand Met	440	+1	4.1	20.2
9,512.80	Guinness	470	-6	3.8	14.6
454.50	Highland Dist	342	-9	2.9	15.2
240.70	Macallan-Glen	206	+2	0.8	45.5
87.70	Macdon Mrtn 'A'	640		2.1	23.4
607.50	Matthew Clark	678	+17	3.9	
14.10	Minydon W	129		1.8	
284.90	Taunton Cider	259	+6	3.4	25.2

SUPPORT SERVICES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,274.70	ADT	918	-17		
10.80	Alphameric	36		1.2	19.5
31.10	Auto Sec	26	+7		7.9
1,368.40	BET Ord	133½	+5½	3.9	13.4
27.90	BNB Rest	130	-2	5.5	10.2
75.50	BPP	287		4.4	16.6
42.40	BSM	152	-1	5.4	11.5
47.60	Black & Edg	8½	-		
312.40	Borland	1100	-50		
33.80	Brit Data Mgt	135	-7	5.0	31.0
11.50	Brooks Service	96	+16	3.3	21.2
91.70	CRT Gp	121	+1	3.9	19.2
153.70	Capita Group	280	+21	1.6	25.9
6.03	Cardinal Bus	23			
909.10	Chubb Sec	324	-1	2.8	17.2
72.20	Corp Servces	86	+2	4.4	14.7
25.00	Coutts Consltg	54		3.9	
17.80	DCS Gp	94	-6	3.0	26.4
225.90	Davis Service	220	+1	4.9	13.0
82.30	Delphi	324	+1	1.4	40.1
12.60	Dudley Jenkins	100		4.3	15.3
9.28	EW Fact	51	+1	7.3	7.1
45.60	El Dalo Ptr	174	+1	1.4	18.1
1,634.80	Hays	400½	+14½	2.2	21.4
170.70	Hogg Robinsn	196	-2	4.8	12.4
356.40	ISS B Dkr	1371¼	+6¼	1.9	12.0
137.10	JBA Hldgs	402	+14	1.1	42.2
111.10	Johnson Clean	224	+2	6.0	12.7
18.10	Kalamazoo	93		5.0	7.9
42.30	Kewill Sys	340	+10	2.4	12.1
5.66	Laser-Scan	19			
71.20	LBMS	315	-55		
288.30	Logica	462	-14	1.7	21.5
70.00	MDIS	70	-4	9.2	15.3
26.10	MMT Comp	223	+7	2.5	
38.50	MR Data Mngt	69	+6	6.5	49.0
89.60	Macro 4	413		6.7	11.2
1,414.20	Manpower	1900	-34½	0.5	
101.20	Micro Focus	670	-8		
65.60	Microgen	167		5.5	14.3
480.20	Misys	573	-9	2.0	16.3
72.90	MITIE Gp	288		1.3	23.7
16.30	Novo Group	30		3.8	9.7
5.10	OIS Intl	17		2.2	
15.50	Orbis	30		1.3	16.6
116.80	P & P	147	-6	2.4	14.9
100.50	Michael Page	164	-4	2.5	18.3
65.80	Parity	157		1.6	19.2
14.60	Pegasus	231	-1	2.7	18.6
4.18	Penna	76		1.6	
19.80	Proudfoot	25	-3	10.0	
22.00	RCO	206		9.7	8.2
15.30	Radius	56		2.6	15.2
1.50	Real Time	178	+2	3.2	8.9
51.70	Reed Executive	101	+1	2.5	11.6
48.40	Reliance Sec	214	+1	3.4	20.2
3,122.40	Rentokil	317	+4	1.4	24.5
68.60	Ricardo Group	150	+2	5.2	16.6
45.20	Rolfe & Nolan	264	-4	1.9	39.4
302.50	Sage Gp	283	+14	1.0	23.4
738.40	Salvesen (C)	253½	+13½	4.1	13.0
54.10	Sanderson Elec	131	+6	3.0	16.9
112.30	Select App	76			28.5
478.90	Serna Gp	510		1.1	24.3
223.80	Serco Gp	378	+1	1.4	39.6
12.10	Shared Cmp	170		1.7	
65.00	Sketchley	132	..	3.2	18.3
5.01	Standard Plat	16			
44.30	Star-Plus	205		6.0	18.9
178.20	Unigalm	865	-155		
25.70	Victec	204½	+1½	3.2	
59.70	Warner Howrd	251	-14	4.2	11.8

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
22,706.90	BT	361	-7	6.4	12.5
9,215.70	Cable Wireless	417	-5	2.8	17.6
494.10	General Cable	195	+3		
1,066.60	NYNEX Cable	138			
78.50	Securicor	1696	-7	0.3	37.2
795.80	Securicor 'A'	980	-20	0.4	21.5
1,030.40	Security Serv	940	-18	0.9	24.3
1,569.40	TeleWest	168½	-2½		
7,650.30	Vodafone	250½	-11	1.7	32.1

TEXTILES & APPAREL

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1.90	Albon	50		6.0	2.7
56.40	Alendia Wt	167		4.6	17.4
157.20	Allied Text	224	+11	3.9	13.2
3.60	Allins	109		9.3	30.1
1.51	Automagic	26			6.6
244.80	Baird (Wm)	211	+13	5.6	14.7
7.08	Beckman (A)	59		5.3	
151.30	Black (Peter)	272½	-4½	2.3	17.4
15.70	Brdbot-Gndry	156	-3	2.5	18.2
21.00	Br Mohair	173		6.5	10.8
2.81	Campari	27			
29.00	Chamb Phipps	65		15.4	3.0
163.00	Claremont Gst	298	+16	3.9	14.5
1,314.90	Coats Viyella	188	+15½	5.8	12.6
439.30	Courtauld Txt	424	+20	4.5	12.2
15.00	Dallynin	125		6.0	6.9
221.90	Dawson	113½	-5½	3.3	
233.30	Dewhirst (IJ)	180	+3	2.1	17.3
4.00	Dixor Heelt	32½		6.4	8.2
5.94	Drummond	28	+1	3.3	8.9
2.03	Elbief	16	+2		
4.33	Fagel	37		16.6	5.9
65.50	FH	425	-13	4.3	
15.50	Formnster	152	+2	2.7	11.8
1.79	Foster (John)	16			
8.14	French	69		6.6	14.1
31.90	Gent SR	88		3.6	8.9
26.30	Haggas	120	+2	3.1	
47.00	Hartstone	14½	-1	2.8	45.0
31.80	Helene Plct	16	+1	14.0	7.8
66.20	Hickng Pntcst	283		2.4	18.7
20.80	Hollas	15½	-1½	4.5	
3.28	Honeysuckle	39	+½	6.9	9.0
30.50	Horace Smal	89			7.1
17.30	Jacques Vert	182	+4	4.6	8.4
5.81	Jerome (S)	66	-5	3.3	6.6
70.90	Jones Strud	410	-3	3.0	15.2
18.30	Lambert	140		6.3	10.8
74.60	Lamont	248	+14	6.5	9.8
74.20	Leeds	250		3.2	12.9
18.80	Leslie Wise Gp	54	-1	9.8	8.9
4.10	Lyles (S)	57	-4		
48.00	Mailing	26½	-1	3.1	13.9
1.51	PEX	7½	+½		
16.80	Parkland	183	-3	3.9	7.8
412.00	Pentland	114		3.5	16.4
10.20	Pittards	47	+2	3.3	
134.00	Readicut	68	+1	6.3	14.5
10.80	Rexmore	69	-½	6.3	7.1
9.59	Richards	41		6.1	15.3
3.25	SEET	65	+1		
130.30	Shirewood Gp	116	-2	3.6	14.0
6.26	Sirdar	108	+3	4.3	7.1
49.20	Smart	91		7.5	24.5
40.20	Stirling Gp	46	-2	5.6	10.0
32.40	Strong & Fisher	19		7.9	19.1
7.70	UK Saflyt	20	+1	14.8	24.9
13.30	Usher (Frank)	185	+7	6.8	9.4
8.06	Wensum	106	+1	5.2	10.4
36.60	Yorklyde	327		2.9	11.5

TRANSPORT

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
8.37	Air London	93	+2	5.4	
8,931.60	All Nippon Air	619	-3	0.3	
1,138.00	Assoc Br Ports	289	+2	2.7	17.9
5,144.70	BAA	490	+14	2.7	16.7
4,526.50	Br Airways	472	-1½	3.4	11.7
18.80	Central Tran R	17	-2		
24.00	Clarkson (H)	107		2.9	17.5
70.10	Clydeport	170		3.6	15.7
31.40	Dart	201	+18	2.9	16.2
441.40	Eurotunnel Uts	96	+1		
287.20	FirstBus	141	+8	4.0	
19.30	Fisher (James)	80		2.3	18.7
271.80	Forth Ports	598		3.3	20.0
107.70	Go-Ahead	295	+3	2.0	18.9
138.00	Goode Durrant	256	+18	3.5	12.5
33.60	Intl Steam	112	+2	4.9	27.0
120.60	Irish Cont	478		1.0	11.9
44.20	Jacobs	64	-2½	2.1	
60.70	Lon O'Seas Frts	83		0.8	17.0
394.70	Mersey Docks	441	+4	3.1	16.9
1,076.80	NFC	155	+1	5.7	15.9
376.20	Natl Express	387		2.8	15.3
565.00	Ocean Group	385		4.9	22.3
35.70	Ocean Wilson	90		6.9	3.5
2,995.80	P & O Dfd	496	+14	7.7	13.2
131.30	P & O 5.5%	197	+4	3.5	
15.60	Seacon	63	-3	4.5	35.6
94.10	Serviprt	234	+4	2.0	32.1
411.20	Stagecoach	274½	+14½	2.4	18.0
526.10	TNT	92	-1		
165.60	Tibbet & Britn	420	-10	4.8	13.6
288.20	TDG	194½	+4½	6.1	12.9
18.20	Ugland	75	-2	3.4	12.4
26.10	Utd Carriers	83		7.4	15.7

WATER

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,545.60	Anglian	575	-5	5.8	8.8
61.60	Mid Kent Hlgs	358		4.4	9.7
2,477.80	North West▼	583	+10	6.5	8.7
791.50	Northumbrian	1134	+26	3.3	8.8
2,367.20	Severn Trent	645	-5	5.6	8.8
134.80	South Staffs	2285		3.7	13.3
634.20	South West	489	-6	6.8	6.9
1,143.40	Southern	671	-13	4.8	8.6
2,257.80	Thames	559	+14	5.9	7.6
858.20	Welsh	700	-3	7.3	8.4
138.90	Wessx Cm Prf	105¼	+1½		
734.40	Wessex	343	+6	4.8	8.6
1,290.30	Yorkshire	604	-21	5.7	9.6

Source: Finstat

USM # Price at Suspension † Ex dividend ‡ Ex scrip ▲ Ex rights issue ▼ Ex all § Ex capital distribution * Figures or report awaited .. No significant data. Companies in bold are constituents of the FTSE 100 Index

BRITISH FUNDS

Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)					
770	Treas 14% 1996	101 [illegible]	- [illegible]	13.84	6.59
1,150	Treas 15¼% 1996	103 [illegible]	- [illegible]	14.87	6.36
800	Exch 13¼% 1996	103 [illegible]	- [illegible]	12.83	6.37
3,409	Conv 10% 1996	103 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	9.66	6.30
1,988	Treas 7% 1997	100 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	6.94	6.43
1,290	Treas 13¼% 1997	107 [illegible]	- [illegible]	12.31	6.34
3,700	Exch 10½% 1997	104 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	10.01	6.38
5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	103 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.43	6.48
830	Exch 15% 1997	115 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	13.03	6.56
3,560	Exch 9¾% 1998	106 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	9.18	6.63
8,150	Treas 7¼% 1998	101 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	7.16	6.69
1,200	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	99 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	6.75	6.77
970	Treas 14% 1998-01	116 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	12.04	6.81
935	Treas 15½% 1998	122 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	12.70	6.85
3,909	Exch 12% 1998	113 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	10.56	6.89
1,900	Treas 9½% 1999	107 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.86	6.90
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	115 [illegible]	- [illegible]	10.60	6.98
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	110 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	9.47	6.98
6,600	Treas 6% 1999	96 [illegible]	- [illegible]	6.20	7.01
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	110 [illegible]	- [illegible]	9.24	7.10
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)					
5,356	Conv 9% 2000	106 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	9.42	7.11
4,800	Treas 8% 2000	103 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	7.72	7.14
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	122 [illegible]	- [illegible]	10.60	7.19
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	111 [illegible]	- [illegible]	8.96	7.30
7,750	Treas 7% 2001	98 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	7.11	7.33
6,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	111 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.72	7.50
8,600	Treas 8% 2003	102 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	7.80	7.56
2,503	Treas 10% 2003	113 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.77	7.60
1,620	Treas 11½% 2001-04	117 [illegible]	- [illegible]	9.77	7.42
543	Fund 3½% 1999-04	81	+ [illegible]	4.32	6.42
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	112 [illegible]	- [illegible]	8.53	7.72
6,500	Treas 6¾% 2004	93 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	7.21	7.73
8,900	Treas 8½% 2005	105 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.07	7.73
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	111 [illegible]	- [illegible]	8.53	7.77
2,200	Treas 12½% 2003-05	128 [illegible]	- [illegible]	9.76	7.73
3,000	Treas 7¾% 2006	98 [illegible]	- [illegible]	7.64	7.74
3,900	Treas 7¾% 2006	99 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	7.79	7.81
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	101 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	7.86	7.78
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	122 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	9.61	7.65
7,397	Treas 8½% 2007	104 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.10	7.84
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	135 [illegible]	+1	10.00	7.73
5,621	Treas 9% 2008	109 [illegible]	+1 [illegible]	8.25	7.86
3,450	Treas 8% 2009	100 [illegible]	+1 [illegible]	7.94	7.89
LONGS (over 15 years)					
4,750	Treas 6¼% 2010	85 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	7.33	7.94
5,273	Conv 9% 2011	109 [illegible]	+1 [illegible]	8.25	7.94
5,360	Treas 9% 2012	109 [illegible]	+1 [illegible]	8.30	7.94
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	80	+ [illegible]	6.88	7.63
6,100	Treas 8% 2013	100 [illegible]	+1 [illegible]	7.95	7.93
800	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	97 [illegible]	+1 [illegible]	7.91	7.94
9,500	Treas 8% 2015	100 [illegible]	+1 [illegible]	7.93	7.91
7,550	Treas 8¾% 2017	108 [illegible]	+1 [illegible]	8.09	7.96
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	137 [illegible]	+1 [illegible]	8.71	8.01
UNDATED					
1,909	War Ln 3½%	43 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	7.99	..
475	Treas 2½%	31 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.05	..
359	Consols 4%	48 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.19	..
INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of				10%	5%
1,200	Treas IL 2% 1996	214 [illegible]	- [illegible]		2.14
800	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	117 [illegible]	- [illegible]	1.51	2.72
1,700	Treas IL 2½% 2001	177 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	2.87	3.38
1,700	Treas IL 2½% 2003	173 [illegible]	- [illegible]	3.05	3.45
1,000	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	114 [illegible]	- [illegible]	3.08	3.45
1,950	Treas IL 2% 2006	182	- [illegible]	3.19	3.48
2,050	Treas IL 2½% 2009	165 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	3.26	3.50
2,350	Treas IL 2½% 2011	170 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	3.31	3.53
2,750	Treas IL 2½% 2013	140 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	3.35	3.54
3,050	Treas IL 2½% 2016	150 [illegible]	- [illegible]	3.40	3.58
2,900	Treas IL 2½% 2020	141 [illegible]	- [illegible]	3.45	3.61
2,700	Treas IL 2½% 2024	120 [illegible]	- [illegible]	3.45	3.59
1,300	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	118 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	3.45	3.60

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RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: Applied Holographics, Capitol Group, James Cropper, DBS Management, Emap, Filofax Group, Foreign & Colonial German IT, Needler Group (Q3), South Staffordshire Water.
Finals: ABI Leisure, Diploma, Foreign & Colonial Eurotrust, Ivory & Sime Enterprise.
Economic statistics: UK output; income and expenditure (Q3); building societies' monthly figures (October); banking groups' monthly statement (October); provisional estimates of M4 and counterparts (October).

TOMORROW

Interims: Baring Stratton, CML Microsystems, Cosalt, De La Rue, Walt Disney (Q3), Faupel Trading Group, Hewetson, Kalamazoo Computer, Lowndes Lambert Group, Meyer International, M&G Income Inv Trust, M&G Recovery Inv Trust, Northern Foods, NSM, Readicut Intl, RIT Capital Partners, Sketchley, Thorn EMI, Vodafone Group.
Finals: Amber Industrial Holdings, Anglo Irish Bank Corp, McLeod Russel Holdings.
Economic statistics: Capital expenditure (Q3 provisional); stocks and work in progress (Q3 provisional); balance of trade with countries outside EU (October).

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Courtaulds, FKI, F&C Private Equity, IWP International, Kewill Systems, Symonds Engineering, Siam Selective Growth, Sterling Industries, Wagon Industrial.
Finals: American Opportunity Trust, ANZ, Ferraris Group, Granada Group, OEM.

THURSDAY

Interims: Babcock Intl, Bogod, Brockhampton Holdings, Caledonia Investment, Chloride Group, Gartmore Shared Equity, Thomas Locker, Macdonald Martin Distill, Martin Currie Euro Inv Trust, North West Water, Powell Duffryn, Siam Selective Growth, Storehouse, Tex Holdings, TLG.
Finals: Murray Emerging Economies, On Demand Information, Tomkinsons.

FRIDAY

Interims: Cambridge Water Co, Dart Group, Grampian Television, London Clubs, Osborne & Little, Quilligotti, Radstone Technology, St James's Place Capital, Stoddard Sekers Intl, TR Property Invest Trust.
Finals: SEC Group.
Economic statistics: CBI monthly trends inquiry (November); engineering turnover and orders (September).

COMPANIES  PHILIP PANGALOS

Northern Foods feels the heat

NORTHERN FOODS: A decline in doorstep milk deliveries and the adverse effects of the hot summer on sales of some foods will limit first-half profits at the dairy and foods group.

Northern is Britain's biggest dairy company, so the 12 per cent annual decline in doorstep deliveries and continuing competition from supermarkets will have affected tomorrow's interim results. In addition, the hot weather is likely to have depressed sales of such food products as chocolate biscuits and ready meals. Northern is a leading supplier of ready meals and sandwiches to Marks & Spencer, and supplies pies, cakes, biscuits and dairy products to Sainsbury, Tesco and Safeway.

Michael Landymore at Henderson Crosthwaite has pencilled in first-half pre-tax profits of £54.5 million (£64.2 million), with an "at least" maintained interim dividend of 3.5p predicted. Market forecasts range from £53 million to £57 million.

EMAP: Acquisitions and organic growth are expected to fuel a healthy advance in first-half profits from Emap, the media, publishing and exhibitions group that acquired Newcastle-based Metro Radio earlier this year. New radio stations will boost operating profits, but underlying profits growth at the consumer magazines operation is likely to be held back by flat circulations and higher paper prices.

Interim pre-tax profits, due today, are expected to rise to £35 million (£22.2 million), according to Kleinwort Benson. Market forecasts range from £33 million to £35 million. A dividend of 3.4p (2.5p) is predicted.

DE LA RUE: The world's largest banknote and cheque printer, which also has a 22.5 per cent stake in Camelot, the consortium that runs the National Lottery, is expected to announce a modest rise in first-half profits tomorrow.

In spite of the acquisition of Portals, the specialist security paper company, interim pre-tax profits are expected to climb to only £77 million (£72 million), according to Merrill Lynch. Market forecasts range from £63 million to £80 million, with the dividend expected to rise to between 7.5p and 7.9p (7p).

Earlier this year, the group warned of a slowdown in earnings growth, largely because of the acquisition of Portals. Underlying profitability is likely to be down, although last year's performance was particularly strong. Security printing profits are being affected by lower orders in currency operations.

THORN EMI: Tomorrow's first-half profits from the music-to-rentals group headed by Sir Colin Southgate should be on song. UBS expects pre-tax profits for the six months to September 30 to jump to £182 million (£126 million). Market forecasts range from £173 million to £182 million. The interim dividend is predicted to rise to 10.25p (9.75p). The group's EMI music division is thought to have continued its strong first-quarter performance, while forthcoming releases from the likes of the Beatles and Queen should keep the division in the limelight. Further news is awaited on the proposed demerger of the music division.

UBS said trading conditions in the two major rental markets, the US and UK, remain difficult, but first-quarter profits were up 21 per cent, excluding the elimination of Rumbelows losses after further cost reduction.

VODAFONE: James Ross at ABN Amro Hoare Govett is looking for tomorrow's first-half pre-tax profits from the mobile phone group to advance to £205 million (£186 million). An interim dividend of 1.92p (1.64p) is predicted. Market forecasts range from £190 million to £208 million.

Start-up losses from overseas operations are likely to have peaked in the first half, with increasing numbers of its businesses moving towards profitability. Mr Ross says market growth has been quite strong, while last year's extra marketing incentive payments should have now peaked. In addition, overseas operations are thought to be going well as a number of start-ups move into profit.

Analysts will also be keen to see how much market share Vodafone has gained in the UK compared with Cellnet, its major rival, although some fear more competition from Orange.

COURTAULDS: Margin pressure and higher interest costs are expected to lead to a disappointing set of first-half figures from Courtaulds, when the coatings, fibres and chemicals group reports on Wednesday. Profit margins have been squeezed by higher raw-material costs, particularly in fibres, while interest costs have also risen.

Kleinwort Benson expects pre-tax profits to fall to £68 million (£80.7 million). Forecasts range from £67 million to £72 million.

GRANADA GROUP: The television to motorway service stations group is expected to unveil a strong profits rise when it reports annual figures on Wednesday.

A combination of LWT's contribution, strong television advertising and improved contract catering profit margins should have helped full-year profits to advance to £345 million (£265 million), according to UBS. Market forecasts range from £335 million to £345 million.



Sir Colin Southgate is expected to bang the drum over Thorn-EMI's performance

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Sharp focus on Budget

IMPORTANT British economic releases at the beginning and end of this week are the last before the Budget on November 28. The week kicks off with the first revision to third-quarter gross domestic product and ends with the Confederation of British Industry's latest monthly trends survey.

Third-quarter GDP is generally expected to show unchanged growth of 0.5 per cent, giving a year-on-year growth rate of 2.4 per cent. On the same day, October figures for M4 money supply are released. The median market forecast published by MMS International is for a 0.2 per cent rise, giving a year-on-year growth rate of 8.4 per cent, up from 8.2 per cent in September.

Although Eddie George, Bank of England Governor, has consistently expressed concerns about the acceleration of M4, this is unlikely to weigh heavily in the balance if the Chancellor wants to cut interest rates to revive economic growth.

The only other British indicator of a week which inevitably will be focused on the Budget is visible trade for October excluding the European Union — tomorrow. The MMS consensus forecast is for a deficit of £800 million after a shortfall of £696 million in September.

Elsewhere, the main focus is likely to be on Germany and particularly the M3 figures. Nigel Richardson, head of bond research at Yamaichi International Europe, expects to see a further moderation in monetary growth. Producer prices figures, also due, are expected to reinforce the message of sub-2 per cent inflation in Germany for some time to come, he says.

The Bundesbank left official German interest rates unchanged last week but this week's data is expected to strengthen the argument for a cut.

JANET BUSH

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: **Buy** TBI, Gardner, Macdonald Martin Dist. **Hold** British Gas. *The Observer:* **Buy** Reuters, Prudential. **Sell** Arjo Wiggins Appleton, Rexam. *Independent on Sunday:* **Buy** Capita Group, Dana Petroleum, Abacus Group. **Sell** Forward Group, High-Point. *The Mail on Sunday:* **Buy** Wessex, Protean. *The Sunday Telegraph:* **Buy** Sanderson Elec., Granada, Sherwood Computer.

Chinese breakthrough for City


Cassidy: won assurances

BY JON ASHWORTH

BRITISH firms are set to make strong inroads into the lucrative Chinese market, following a ground-breaking agreement between London and Shanghai.

Chinese authorities have indicated their willingness to waive the usual red tape, in return for City of London training and expertise.

Accountants and merchant banks are among those most likely to benefit from any relaxation of the stiff regulations governing foreign investment in China.

Authorities in Shanghai are willing to make the concessions in their quest to surpass Tokyo and Hong Kong as the Asia-Pacific's leading financial centre.

Michael Cassidy, policy chairman of the Corporation of London, won the assurances during a visit to Shanghai last week.

Hua Jim Nin, the acting mayor of Shanghai, offered concessions in return for UK financial expertise, in the construction of Shanghai's new financial district in the vast Pudong development.

British firms will be offered greater access to China in return for advising on accounting and regulatory issues. Exchange visits are planned.

Mr Cassidy denied the offer of assistance would threaten London's status as a financial centre.

He said: "This is not just the City of London helping to set up a rival financial centre abroad. Shanghai could never compete with London in our time zone."

London competes fiercely with Frankfurt and Paris to attract foreign investment.

National coal strike looms over CRA dispute

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

AUSTRALIA is bracing itself for a national coal strike in protest over attempts by CRA, the mining group that is being merged with RTZ, the British mining combine, to introduce individual contracts for its employees.

The seven-day national walkout looms despite the fact that Actu, Australia's trade union body, has agreed to call off all strike action outside CRA before today's arbitration talks at the Industrial Commission.

The mining union said yesterday that the coal mine strike would continue until definite progress is made in the talks. Hector Hughmuller, of the Actu, said: "There is no way in the world that the coalminers of the country are going to return to work until such time as something is written in black and white because it's quite simple — we do not trust CRA."

Analysts have given warning that a national coal strike will cost the country millions in lost exports. Coal is one of Australia's main exports and is expected to earn about A$5.6 billion (£2.6 billion) this year. CRA is expected to face a profit shortfall of A$3 million from a week of lost coal production.

At the heart of the dispute between CRA and the unions are 75 workers at CRA's bauxite mine in Queensland, who went on strike a month ago after refusing to accept individual contracts at higher pay as a substitute for collective bargaining. CRA's move to introduce individual contracts is perceived as a deliberate ploy to weaken the power of Australia's unions, and union leaders have said the outcome of the dispute will determine the future of union collective bargaining.

Until Actu's agreement to call off all strikes not directly relating to CRA, unions across the country, from shipping to airlines, had also planned to strike in protest at CRA's move. Bob Hawke, former prime minister and union heavyweight, has been brought in to present Actu's case at the Industrial Commission.

Industrialists gave warning that if the strike continues, Australia's power services will also come under threat as coal supplies dry up.

Cash appeal for tax battle

BY ANNE ASHWORTH

LAW and accountancy firms are being asked, in a letter sent out this weekend, to contribute £500 each to a fighting fund set up by Norton Rose, the City solicitors. The funds will be used to pay for a client's defence — expected to cost £60,000 or more — against an Inland Revenue appeal.

Norton Rose's plea is the latest twist in the controversial Ingram inheritance tax case, the outcome of which could affect hundreds of other families. During her lifetime, the late Lady Ingram transferred the freehold of her Berkshire home and its surrounding acres to a trust, of which her children and grandchildren were beneficiaries. She remained as tenant, taking on on a 20-year rent-free lease.

The manoeuvre, which saved a six-figure sum in inheritance tax, was unsuccessfully challenged by the Inland Revenue earlier this year. The High Court ruled that the lease was "a wasting non-assignable asset, incapable of realisation".

The ruling came as a relief to other families which, in the Eighties, had entered into similar schemes, but the Revenue promptly announced that it would mount an appeal to clarify the situation. The Ingram executors are said not to have the resources to contest the action.

Michael Macfadyen, a partner at Norton Rose and the Ingram family adviser, said: "I believe that it is important for those who may be affected in the future and their advisers to band together to resist this appeal."

The firm says laywers involved are "holding their fees to a minimum".

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David Jefferies will be responsible for the development of longer-term strategies at the National Grid as a clearer management structure starts to take effect after flotation

Grid surges towards autonomy

Christine Buckley assesses the future at home and abroad for a monopoly ready to free itself from the shackles of outside control

Full independence is about to dawn for a company originally created from the cobbling together of bits and pieces left over from the privatisation of electricity.

The National Grid, which controls the transmission of electricity, issues its prospectus for flotation on Wednesday, debuting on the Stock Exchange on December 11 with an expected value of £3.4 billion.

Before the splitting of the Central Electricity Generating Board five years ago, when the regional electricity companies were floated, there was no such thing as the Grid. Once the regional distributors and generators had been split out, the Grid was what was left — the means of conducting electricity and a natural monopoly.

What flotation will mean for the Grid, above all, is autonomy. Hitherto, the Grid, which along with transmission also has responsibility for administering the electricity spot market, the pool and the pool settlement system, has had to answer to a board composed of members of the 12 electricity companies who together owned the Grid.

Securing agreement from 12 separate interests is not a recipe for dynamism. It was said that a lack of agreement by the 12 members on a value for Energis, the Grid's telecoms subsidiary, led to Energis failing to bring in AT&T as a partner when it started trading last year. Such a hitch has hampered the Grid's ambition to push Energis as the third force in the UK telecoms market. With the aid of a clearer management structure post-float, the spotlight will fall on the development of longer-term strategies by David Jefferies, the chairman.

The unlocking of extra value for shareholders by the other parts of the privatised electricity industry has reached such proportions that the market will clearly expect the Grid to find a good deal of its own.

Anticipation will also surround the pricing review by Stephen Littlechild, the electricity regulator. Last week, Professor Littlechild said he may abandon RPI-X, the controversial price formula linked to inflation and which he invented, in relation to transmission price control for the Grid. His decision is expected next summer and a new pricing regime will be implemented in April 1997.

Under its own steam and as a fully commercial company, the Grid is expected to push further its international expansion. At present, it is involved in transmission projects in Argentina and Pakistan but it has aspirations to be far more of a global player. The Grid will be in a good position to steal a march on many foreign competitors in the race to serve overseas electricity needs by being one of the first privatised transmission companies in the world. The company is thought to be willing to spend up to £400 million on overseas projects.

It is also planning a substantial investment at home with the development of the transmission system down the East Coast, a saga that has been running since 1991, when the Grid submitted plans to bolster transmission lines in North Yorkshire. The fine tuning of development ratification still has to be done and it could be 1997 before the project is completed, with costs expected to touch £100 million.

While having the managerial freedom for expansion, the Grid will be highly geared after flotation. This is largely because of the removal of its valuable pumped storage business, which is for sale separately. The pumped storage plants in North Wales provide hydroelectricity in times of greatest need by a massive release of water. The electricity they provide is very expensive and is called upon only at peak times. This business will be sold for about £300 million. The Grid will also be stripped of cash through having to pay special dividends to the regional electricity companies. The Grid's gearing, currently about 10 per cent, is expected to jump to 120 per cent by March.

The flotation, which will propel the Grid into the FT-SE 100, is an introduction to the market rather than a full-blown float. By demerging the Grid from ownership by the regional electricity companies, there will be no new shareholders and no new money as the shares will go to the regional electricity companies or their new owners. Whether shareholders of those companies gain new Grid shares depends on the company status. The few remaining independent electricity companies have pledged to pass back the shares; those which have been taken over will not; those in the throes of takeover moves have not decided.

Those companies that do hang on to Grid shares will, in any case, have to dispose of them within a year because anyone involved in the electricity industry will not be allowed to own more than 1 per cent of the Grid. There will also be a ban on any investor owning more than 15 per cent and the Government will retain a golden share to prohibit a takeover.

At present, the pricing of Grid shares is expected to settle around the £2 mark, which would put a market capitalisation on the company of £3.4 billion. This figure will depend greatly on the progress of grey trading, which starts on Wednesday when the prospectus is issued. Such trading, an unusual feature on the market, will involve conditional deals between parties in anticipation of real ones which will be possible on the actual day of flotation. The level of interest will be an important gauge for setting the share price and the practice should — in theory — avoid significant mispricing of the issue.

Meanwhile the appetite for the Grid seems a little uncertain. The company is certainly poised for a new era on the back of managerial freedom, but the extent of its growth prospects are less clear. The Grid recently aborted, at the last minute, plans for a large eurobond issue. It blamed the cancellation on the work that needed to be done before its flotation. More sceptical views suggest that the issue was suspended after the Grid had tested the investment water and found demand might not be there.

GILT-EDGED

More Budget options than tax giveaway

Last week's data clinched the argument for an easing in UK economic policy, but it is debatable how this will be implemented. Two weeks ago, a big tax giveaway of, say, £5 billion, offset by spending cuts, looked likely. Further reflection suggests a more restrained Budget on November 28 but a worthwhile pre-Christmas base-rate cut, as argued by Anatole Kaletsky on Thursday.

We wonder whether Mr Clarke might offer tax reductions of only, say, £3 billion for fiscal 1996-97, and announce a half-point rate cut in his Budget speech. At a stroke, he would please several groups.

Voters may be disappointed by a smaller than expected windfall, but Mr Clarke will surely make specific promises for further tax cuts in 1997-98 and 1998-99. A programme of £10 billion of tax reductions over three years may be easier to sell than an unsubtle electoral bribe of £5 billion this year. Backbench Conservative MPs will quickly realise the beneficial impact of a decent-sized rate cut on the housing market. The financial markets will welcome the reduced strain on public finances and the bold interest-rate move. However, the icing on the cake will be provided by overseas investors. The gilt market has underperformed this year and looks cheap among global bond markets. More important, sterling's prospects look exceptionally bright.

We have four main reasons for this view. First, our exchange-rate models suggest the dollar is undervalued against the mark and recent history shows that when the dollar rallies, so does the pound.

Fears of a giveaway Budget and lower interest rates plus US debt worries have pushed the pound to an all-time low of DM2.18, but this weakness will be transitory. Post-Budget, sterling will benefit, moving back towards DM2.23, a level more typical with a mark/dollar exchange rate of 1.41. A US budget deal and a Fed rate cut may trigger a dollar rally to, say, DM1.50, which would imply DM2.35/£.

Second, over the past decade there has been a link between the UK yield curve and mark/sterling, where a flatter yield curve implies a stronger pound. Since January 1, the yield curve has flattened by a full percentage point as inflation expectations have eased, yet the pound has fallen by nearly 10 per cent versus the mark, again leaving the pound undervalued.

Third, relative interest-rate expectations may also favour the pound. Both the UK and German economies are sufficiently weak to justify an interest-rate cut. If the Chancellor moves decisively and the Bundesbank dithers, the pound will rise.

Finally, since the mid-1960s the real mark/sterling exchange rate has tended to rise as the UK's current account position, expressed as a percentage of GDP and relative to Germany, has improved. The markets have failed to reward sterling for the improvement in the UK's relative current-account position. Again, we conclude sterling is undervalued.

Thus, a gilt-friendly Budget would make political sense while a positive sterling outlook will continue to draw in overseas investors. The ten-year gilt yield, currently 7.8 per cent, could easily trade below 7.5 per cent before the year-end, resulting in a further narrowing in the spread over Germany. Christmas may indeed come early this year.

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Cyprus Cyp£	0.739	0.684
Denmark Kr	9.10	8.30
Finland Mkk	7.10	6.45
France Fr	7.96	7.31
Germany Dm	2.34	2.13
Greece Dr	378.27	353.27
Hong Kong $	12.67	11.67
Ireland Pt	1.02	0.94
Israel Shk	5.1200	4.4700
Italy Lira	2581.00	2426.00
Japan Yen	172.93	156.93
Malta	0.587	0.532
Netherlds Gld	2.606	2.376
New Zealand $	2.54	2.32
Norway Kr	10.26	9.46
Portugal Esc	240.50	222.00
S Africa Rd	ref.	5.35
Spain Pta	195.00	182.00
Sweden Kr	10.88	10.08
Switzerland Fr	1.91	1.73
Turkey Lira	refer	78113.0
USA $	1.654	1.524

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Accountants lose their way in the corridors of power

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

BRITAIN'S boardrooms are ruled by accountants, but the profession has so far failed to infiltrate Whitehall's corridors of power, according to research published today by Hays, the accountancy recruiter.

The survey, *Who runs Britain*, found that only 17 per cent of Treasury civil servants possessed an accountancy qualification and that no Chancellor of the Exchequer since the war has had a background in accountancy. In contrast, eight Chancellors have been barristers, including the present holder of the office, Kenneth Clarke.

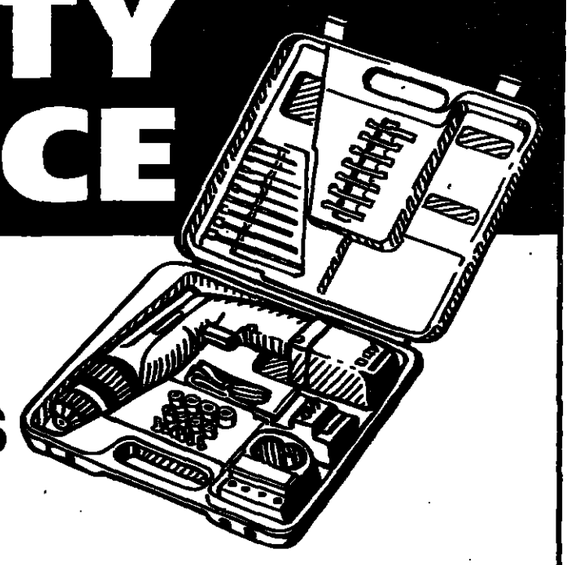
In Parliament, only 14 MPs — 12 Conservative and two Labour — are qualified accountants. The survey suggests that the failure of accountants to take up roles in government is connected to the relatively low rates of pay of politicians and civil servants.

However, one in three professionally qualified chairmen or chief executives and 40 per cent of all top directors on FT-SE 100 boards have a background in accountancy, beating the boardroom representatives of the legal, banking and engineering professions put together.

Respondents to a survey of 250 businessmen, conducted by MORI for Hays, voted John Major the celebrity who most resembled an accountant, although his background is in banking. Other names in that top ten included Steve Davies, the snooker player, and the Victor Meldrew character in the *One Foot in the Grave* television comedy series.

The survey found that the personal attributes most commonly associated with accountants were efficiency and conscientiousness. However, just 6 per cent felt that accountants were interesting and only 8 per cent considered them dynamic, although the survey found that accountants were seen as more dynamic than they were ten years ago.

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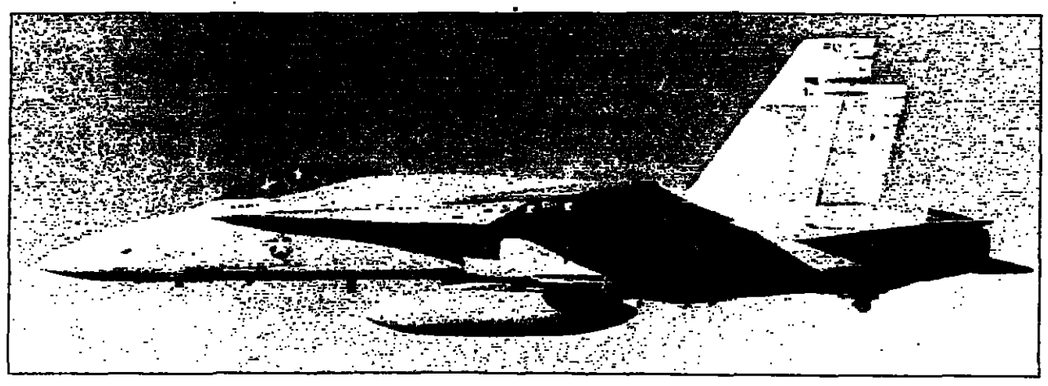
The tête-à-tête between Boeing and McDonnell Douglas smacks of the deal for which the international defence industry has been holding its breath. Ever since the end of the East-West arms race, it has become increasingly clear that huge consolidation among ARMs manufactuers was inevitable. At the same time, competition between commercial aircraft makers has become cut-throat. Something as big as the possibility of Boeing merging with McDonnell Douglas was inevitable.

Such an amalgam would be worth well over $10 billion, creating a company with sales of $35 billion and a workforce of 165,000. In size and market power, it would outstrip even international groups such as Airbus and Martin Marietta.

This is not the first time that Boeing and McDonnell Douglas have sounded each other out. This time, however, Wall Street and the defence industry are taking the news more seriously. McDonnell Douglas shares were marked up more than $4, to $90.6, on Thursday when the story broke, and Boeing's rose $1.8, to $75.87. "Of all deals, this one would make the most sense, especially as a merger," said Jon Kutler, president of Quarterdeck Investment Partners, a defence industry specialist.

The reason has something to do with the success of Airbus, Boeing's main rival. Airbus has overtaken McDonnell Douglas as the world's second-largest commerical aircraft manufacturer, and the US company's share of the world market is down to 10 per cent. McDonnell Douglas recently made a big sale of its new MD-95 100-seater jet, but only at prices that many consider uneconomic.

So, McDonnell Douglas's commercial aircraft business faces a bleak future. A merger with Boeing might enable the commercial aircraft operations to survive in some form. That said, certain Wall Street analysts predict an elegant phasing out of McDonnell Douglas's commercial aircraft business should a merger materialise. An even more important factor is that McDonnell Douglas's military aircraft business — more than twice the size of its civil operations and responsible for sales of $7.8 billion last year — may need protection.





McDonnell Douglas's F/A-18 Hornet military jet, top, and the Boeing 777 may feature in a long-rumoured merger

Until this year, McDonnell Douglas was the largest military aircraft manufacturer in the US, with sales of $9.3 billion. However, in May, Lockheed merged with Martin Marietta to create the largest defence combine in the US, with sales of $23 billion. Lockheed Martin has already begun to squeeze McDonnell Douglas. Competition in defence has already narrowed, worrying the US Defence Department.

Another pointer to some deal lies in McDonnell Douglas's boardroom. Harry Stonecipher, the chief executive grappling with the company's problems, is a former head of General Electric's jet engine division, with considerable experience in defence. Moreover, he is neither a McDonnell nor a Douglas, the founding families of the group, and his perspective on the way forward is seen as more flexible than that of certain predecessors.

Boeing clearly sees a unique chance to take over a still profitable military aircraft business. A merger would also, in effect, eliminate a smaller rival in its core area of commerical jets. With its existing 60 per cent of the world market, Boeing would achieve even greater leverage against Airbus and emerging aerospace businesses in the Far East.

Such a combination would be daunting for Airbus. The European group put a brave face on events last week, when John Leahy, Airbus sales chief, said he "sort of liked the idea" because it simplified players in commercial aeroplanes to two heavyweights. This is fighting talk, but, with Airbus just having lost out to Boeing in a $12 billion deal with Singapore Airways, tension in Airbus must be high.

Airbus presumably hopes that any Boeing/McDonnell Douglas deal will be blocked on US anti-trust grounds. US defence experts also believe that there is a high risk of the talks ending in an emergency landing. One industrialist put the chances of a full-scale merger being waved through at "less than 10 per cent".

However, Boeing, which has pushed hard for a merger, is more optimistic. The US government has encouraged defence industry consolidation in recent years as defence spending has been slashed. The Defence Department may favour McDonnell Douglas's military aircraft business coming under Boeing's umbrella.

A Boeing/McDonnell Douglas amalgam would be the mother of all mergers, but the companies can argue that the fit is so complementary that market shares of the military and commercial operations would show relatively little change. Whether the politicians agree is a moot point.

The alternative to a full merger is that Boeing and McDonnell Douglas try to bypass the anti-trust hurdle and opt for an asset swap — a much less momentous outcome for the US defence industry and the world aircraft industry. Obvious areas of synergy would be the companies' respective helicopter and space operations. The problem for McDonnell Douglas is that such deals would not address the company's fundamental problems. Should a merger prove politically unacceptable, an asset swap may be all that transpires from current talks. There would be sighs of relief in Europe, but not necessarily in Mr Stonecipher's office.

Listings with link to Internet lead way on AIM

TECHNOLOGY stocks were again the star performers on the Alternative Investment Market, the new market for smaller and growing companies.

There were further gains for Firecrest. Shares in the advertising-to-promotions group have more than trebled this month, ending last week at 203p.

Firecrest recently landed the exclusive UK rights to market and distribute the DigiPhone software package, which lets users of Internet telephone anywhere in the world via the Internet for just the price of a local call.

On Friday, Firecrest signed a contract with Energis to give Nethead, its access provider to the Internet global computer network, points of presence throught the UK. This provides immediate coverage of 87 per cent of the UK, which will be raised by the new year. The initial deal will allow for 20,000 subscriptions, though this can be increased at any time.

Nethead's subscribers will get access to the Internet for the price of a local call; with cable firms offering free telephone calls, some users will get free access to the World Wide Web. The monthly charge is £7.99.

Julian Palfreyman, a director at Winterflood Securities, a market-maker in all of the stocks listed on AIM, said: "The technology sector is seeing some very good trade. It has been a hotbed of activity for private clients and we are seeing more money being raised on AIM."

He said Internet-related stocks continue to attract attention, adding "anything that has got 'net' in the title is flavour of the month".

AIM, which succeeds the Unlisted Securities Market and the Stock Exchange's Rule 4.2 matched bargain trading facility, has 107 stocks traded, with a total market capitalisation of £1.84 billion. The total cash raised since AIM started on June 19 climbed to £52.5 million.

The of nominated advisers approved by the Stock Exchange remains at 56.

New companies due to join AIM shortly include the Trocadero leisure complex, View Inn and Pet City, the pet superstore group.

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ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT MARKET

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price pence	Wkly +/−	Yld %	P/E
14.80	AMCO Corp	104	+ 3	5.4	11.4
0.89	Abacus Recruit	17	...	...	...
17.40	A de Gruchy	118	...	6.0	9.8
5.70	African Gold	6¾	...	...	...
	Albemarale & Bd	14	...	...	...
12.30	Alpha Omikron	22	+ 4	...	...
40.20	Ann St Brewery	420	...	5.2	11.5
5.36	Ann St Cv Pf	905	+ 20	8.8	...
65.30	Antonov	93	− 3	...	...
11.70	Ask Central	73	...	...	...
	Athelney Trust	55	...	...	...
4.37	Baris Hldgs	17	...	...	...
4.12	Belcanto	46	− 2	...	...
	Bowness Leis	145	...	...	...
	Bown Leis Cv Pf	70	...	...	...
4.26	Brancote Hldgs	43	...	...	...
29.20	Brooktrank	250	...	3.2	25.0
	CCI Hldgs	115	...	...	...
	CCI Founder Shs	110	...	...	...
3.21	Cale Inns	115	...	2.2	9.5
8.52	Caledonian Tst	75	...	...	9.1
11.90	Card Clear	60	− 1	...	...
3.85	Cassidy Bros	70	...	5.4	10.0
1.87	Cavendish W F	43	...	...	21.8
	Celtic	6750	...	...	...
	Celtic Pf Shs	6750	...	...	...
15.40	CI Comms(TV)	114	...	2.7	14.5
5.76	Chartwell Intl	64	+ 14	...	...
13.10	ClubPartners	31	...	...	...
7.59	Conister Tst	38	+ 2	2.6	16.3
10.90	Country Gdns	61	+ 1	2.5	12.6
2.49	Cntry Gdns Pf	68	...	9.8	...
43.80	Creos Intl	122	− 2	...	...
10.40	DBS Management	153	− 2	4.9	6.3
	Dalkeith Inns	34	...	...	...
3.79	David Glass	70	+ 4	5.1	10.0
39.60	Dawson Hldgs	865	+ 15	4.2	11.9
3.21	Dean Corp	11	...	...	64.3
97.00	Electrophoretics Intl	150	+ 17	...	...
5.62	Euro Sales Fn	125	...	...	...
	Fairlake	230	...	...	...
	Final Publs	45	+ 4	...	...
33.80	Firecrest	203	+ 45	...	...
5.65	Floral St	243	...	...	13.2
12.00	Formscan	128	+ 23	2.0	...
4.50	Furlong Homes	90	− 1	3.3	4.8
24.50	Gander Hldgs	8½	− ½	...	72.5
5.55	Graduate Apts	33	...	...	39.6
0.27	Grad Apts Wts	25	...	...	...
5.70	Greenhills	19	...	...	...
34.60	Gulton	155	− 5	3.2	14.0
5.60	Hansom	55	+ 2	...	...
54.50	Hiscox Ded Ins	120	...	0.3	...
	Hiscox Ded p/p	55	...	...	...
11.20	Indpt Radio	112	− 2	...	...
13.60	Inner Workings	81	− 2	...	...
18.70	Jennings Bros	288	...	2.5	24.7
38.20	KS Biomedix	101	...	...	...
24.90	Lancashire Enterprises	138	+ 6	4.5	11.8
	Lawrance	205	+ 5	...	...
53.70	Lawrie Group	2750	−100	3.2	14.0
46.40	Le Riches Strs	280	...	6.9	28.4
	Lifehome As Ten	85	...	...	...
19.40	Lon Fiduciary	2	...	...	...
12.40	Lorien Grp	217	+ 7	...	...
5.26	Meltek	83	...	...	37.1
266.40	Memory Corp	450	− 10	...	...
6.33	Metrodome Films	22	...	...	...
11.60	Moorepay	153	+ 2	3.2	25.2
18.70	MultiMedia	65	+ 4	...	...
22.50	NWF Grp	300	...	2.7	14.5
	Nash (Wm)	150	...	5.5	...
8.35	Neill Clerk	330	...	2.3	16.0
5.63	Neilson Cobbold	205	...	2.3	5.0
	Norcity II	63	...	...	...
	Norhomes	65	− 1	...	...
	Nthmb Res Prps	67	...	...	...
16.20	Nursing Home	105	+ 1	...	...
9.46	Old English Pub	86	− 4	2.9	...
5.24	Omnicare	85	...	2.2	14.1
14.30	Omnimedia	80	+ 12	...	...
13.30	Pacific Media	11¼	+ ¼	...	...
	Pacific Med Pf	53	...	...	...
5.56	Pan Andean Res	13½	...	...	...
4.66	Park Ests(Liv)	195	− 5	...	...
3.62	Preston Nth E	400	...	...	...
11.20	Riceman Insce	17	...	...	...
13.20	SCS Satellite	128	+ 8	...	...
4.01	Scotswood Inds	18	...	6.9	54.8
	Scott Pride	41	− 4	...	...
13.00	Scrottons	270	...	6.0	11.0
	Silkbarn	2½	...	...	...
122.60	Southern News	520	+ 5	3.7	14.5
	Southern Vectis	56	...	...	...
33.80	Stanford Rook	193	+ 2	...	...
11.40	Surrey Fr Inns	113	+ 16	2.0	13.3
51.60	TRACKER Netwk	975	+ 25	...	...
4.14	Tele Cred Eur	41	...	...	...
	Tele Cred Wrts	33	...	...	...
11.80	Toad	95	− 10	...	...
	Trinity Care	180	+ 5	1.1	...
	Trinity Care Pf	165	...	...	...
	Univent	40	...	...	...
	Utd Auctions	463	...	...	...
	VDC	625	...	...	...
37.00	Versailles Grp	14	+ ¼	...	22.8
	Voss	220	− 5	...	...
	Wedderburn Secs	10	...	...	...
	Wedd Secs Wrnts	4	...	...	...
2.05	Westmount Engy	25	+ 10	...	...
8.64	W'chester M Md	78	− 3	...	...
	Wynnstay Props	145	...	...	...
	Zergo	170	+ 20	...	...

WORD-WATCHING

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DYSLOGY

(c) Dispraise, disobliging and uncomplimentary remarks, the opposite of eulogy. OK, everybody, let's hear it for the retiring News Editor. Let's give him the hearty dyslogy he so richly deserves."

UNASINOUS

(b) Being equally stupid, from the Latin *una* together + *asinus*, connected with Greek *onos* a donkey. "What a lovely marriage ceremony! So rare to see a couple so suited — so well-matched, so unasinous in every respect."

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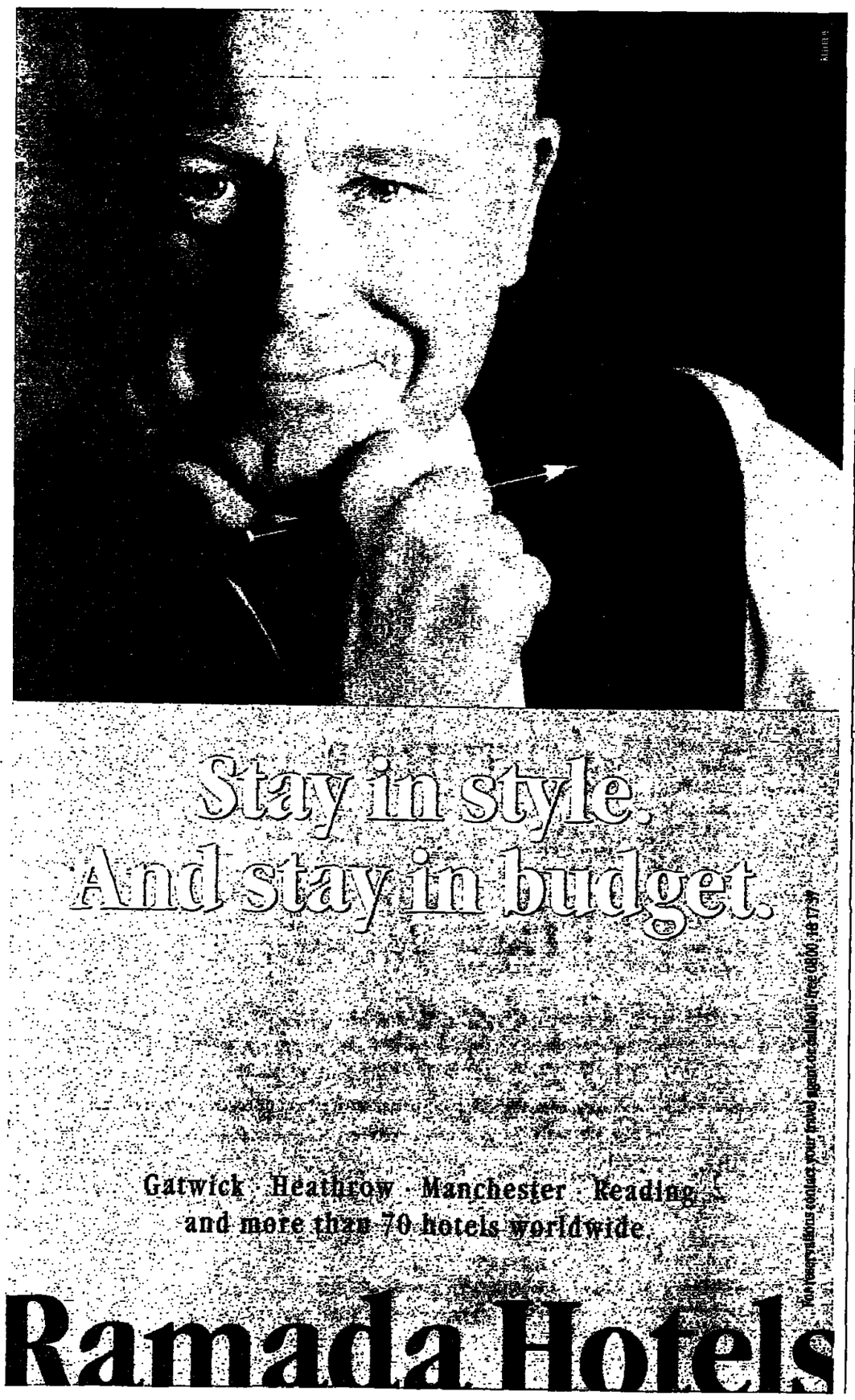
(a) Predicting the future by the use of arrows, eg by shooting an arrow into the air and interpreting its flight and destination. The future of the then reigning English monarchy was definitively and painfully foretold in this fashion at the Battle of Hastings.

NODOSE

(c) Knobbly, knotty, from the Latin *nodus* a knot. *nodosus* knotty. A reticulation of the great network of *net* words, whence, for example, *dénouement* the unknotting of a theatrical plot. When you express concern about Graham's *genual nodosity* you are in fact commenting on his knobbly knees.

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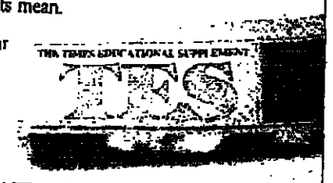
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THE TIMES

CITY DIARY

Scent of an airline

EVER stepped on to a British Airways aircraft and noticed (delete where necessary) a pleasant-awful-super-arresting smell? Well, BA wants to "create" a bouquet of its own that users will immediately associate with the world's favourite airline and which BA will sell commercially. After all, the Football Association has a range of toiletries and fashion houses and actresses have perfumes named after them. Now BA is thinking about doing the same. "We are not talking about capturing the smells of flying," a fragrant BA lady assures me, "but we are talking to the best noses in the world to see if we can capture the essence of the airline in a perfume." Meanwhile, in its search for "all the perfumes of Arabia ..." BA staff and passengers are being asked "what does BA smell like?" City Diary welcomes suggestions, on a postcard, for a name should the fragrance ever take off.

Harry's game

ALGY CLUFF is more than usually chuffed. He says I may quote him as announcing to the world (and, if necessary, to the Stock Exchange) "another increased production from Cluff". No, not from one of his many gold mining operations in Africa, but by his charming wife Blondel, who Algy is pleased to tell me is two months' pregnant. Parenthood obviously becomes the man. Algy — Stowe, Army officer who saw service in West Africa, Cyprus and Malaysia, and whose entry in *International Who's Who* lists only his clubs and not his recreations — now seems to have taken up football "Half true," he says. "I kick a football around with my first born, Harry, who turns two on December 30".

Taking care

DAVID BUTLER, 25 years a Treasury man, and latterly four years Director, National Savings, has come out of early retirement. Having cared for the nation's savings, he is now going to care for the carers. Butler has been named successor to Dr Elizabeth Nelson who retires at the end of the year as chief executive of The Princess Royal Trust — whose primary objective is the needs of nearly 7 million people who look after the elderly, the disabled or the long-term sick at home. The trust, of which the Princess Royal has been president since 1991, holds a BS 5750 registration, which signals to corporate donors that the trust is indeed trusty and donatations reach their intended cause.

Old pals

THE 3i Old Boys Club, aka 3i Nexus, which was set up by John (now Lord) Cuckney in the 1980s when he saw how venture capital was increasingly being colonised by ex-3iers, held a reunion dinner recently. The chairs simply groaned with *alumni*. Robert Smith, head of Deutsche Morgan Grenfell's development capital business, Derek Sach, Royal Bank of Scotland, Robert Drummond, ex-Grosvenor, and Paul Whitney, ex-CIN head and now with NatWest Asset Management, were there. A 1970s performance appraisal on Smith was read out ..."Robert needs to use his time more carefully" and "Robert has an individualistic style".

COLIN CAMPBELL



Staff are being asked to help to capture the essence of BA

Middle-class with spouse and house bear brunt of tax rise

BY ANATOLE KALETSKY

MIDDLE-CLASS married couples have suffered far more from Government tax policies than is generally appreciated. A *Times* analysis shows how much more tax married couples are likely to pay in the last year of the present parliament than if ministers had stuck to the tax structure announced just before the last general election by Norman Lamont.

The figures, summarised in the table, look at the proportions of gross income taken by income tax and National Insurance contributions from married couples at various levels of earnings.

The "extra tax" line shows how much more tax each couple is likely to pay next year than if the Government had kept the tax structure that helped it to win the election. Dividing this number by the income each couple has in the standard-rate tax band gives the cut in the standard rate that the Chancellor would have to make to put each couple where they were in 1992.

The calculations for 1996-97 assume that all personal allowances and tax bands will be adjusted in the Budget by 3.9 per cent, the inflation rate in the year to September. They also assume that national average earnings rise by 3.25 per cent in the year to April 1996. All figures also assume that the taxpayer has a mortgage of £30,000 or more.

The figures show that, without any further changes in next week's Budget, all categories of middle-class couples will pay substantially higher shares of their income in tax than in 1992-93. For most groups, the proportionate rise in taxes amounts to about £1,000 a year — before higher indirect taxes, such as on fuel.

The figures show that cuts in the standard rate of income tax would do little to restore middle-class couples' loss. This is because the standard rate applies to only part of every taxpayer's income.

The relative unimportance of the standard rate is also indicated by the fact that middle-class taxes have risen sharply since 1992 even though the standard rate has not been changed. Instead of raising the politically sensitive headline tax rate, the Government has cut the value of marriage allowances and mortgage tax relief, as well as raising National Insurance contributions by a full point and failing to index personal allowances. The result has been to load a disproportionate share of the tax increases on married couples and homeowners — precisely the "Middle England" groups the Tories are now trying to woo.

CUTS NEEDED TO RESTORE MARRIED COUPLES' TAX TO 1992 LEVELS

	One taxpayer on average adult earnings; spouse not working		One taxpayer on average male earnings; spouse not working		One taxpayer on average male earnings; spouse on average female earnings		One taxpayer on three times average male earnings; not working	
	1992/93	1996/97	1992/93	1996/97	1992/93	1996/97	1992/93	1996/97
A Gross earnings	15,565	18,106	17,395	20,167	31,463	34,692	52,185	60,501
B Income Tax and NI	2,882	4,381	3,504	5,103	7,128	8,854	16,004	20,185
C Tax as % of earnings	18.5	24.2	20.1	25.3	22.7	25.5	30.7	33.4
D Extra tax relative to earnings	-	1,031	-	1,049	-	971	-	1,833
E Income in standard-rate tax band	-	11,119	-	13,180	-	20,718	-	21,923
Cut required in standard rate: (E as % of D)		9.3p		8.0p		4.7p		7.4p

Dublin urged to back Irish Steel subsidy

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

THE Irish Government must use "both barrels" against British Steel's (BS) attempt to block a deal central to the privatisation of Irish Steel (IS), the Republic of Ireland's only steelmaker, according to Richard Armstead, the IS chief executive.

BS has secured solid backing from the British Government for its campaign to halt the deal on the grounds that it involves a £27.5 million subsidy as part of the sale to Ispat International, an Indian-owned steel group that has agreed to make a £25 million capital expenditure and assume £19 million of debt.

Brian Moffat, BS chairman and chief executive, said last week that state aid to IS had cost the Irish taxpayer £1 million a month and he saw no reason why a company with such a track record should receive more subsidy.

BS argues that more subsidy to IS would be illegal under the European Steel Aid code and that subsidies would threaten UK jobs. Tim Eggar, Minister of State for Trade and Industry, vetoed agreement to the IS deal at a meeting of European industry ministers earlier this month, casting the only vote against the project.

In the Irish Parliament last Thursday, Pat Rabbitte, the Minister for Commerce, noted speculation in the UK media that the approval of the IS package would lead to the closure of BS's plant at Shelton, near Stoke on Trent, but said such an idea was a "fallacy".

He said the Irish Government would continue to try to persuade the UK Government of the desirability of the deal.

Mr Eggar and Mr Bruton are scheduled to hold more discussions on the issue tomorrow.



Brian Moffat, head of British Steel, argues more subsidy to Irish Steel would be illegal

Profitable customers 'may escape bank fees'

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

BANKS could start to discriminate against customers who fail to buy products such as life assurance, pensions or mortgages from them, a new report says. Customers regarded as "profitable" could be treated more favourably than others and might find fees such as overdraft charges waived, it suggests.

Mintel, the market researcher, says implementation of customer information systems which pool information held on personal banking customers would help determine how valuable a customer is before penalising them.

A spokesman said: "Bank charges might not therefore be applied to overdrawn customer accounts as a matter of course. They will be able to apply more discretion and reward those they assess as profitable. This raises the question of whether customers will feel obliged to put all their eggs in one basket to get the best deal from their banks."

The British Bankers' Association said yesterday charges were at the discretion of individual banks and customers should "shop around for the whole package" before deciding where to bank.

Graeme Jacobs, money editor of *Which?*, said: "We do not know whether this policy is going to be introduced, but customers do not need to buy other products from the same bank to get a good deal. It is possible to completely avoid overdraft fees by switching. One-stop shops for a number of financial products might appear hassle-free, but you may not always be getting the most competitive rates."

CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar
1.5516 (-0.0239)
German mark
2.1784 (-0.0462)
Exchange index
82.3 (-1.5)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
2638.9 (+62.6)
FT-SE 100
3609.2 (+85.8)
New York Dow Jones
4989.95 (+119.58)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
18151.16 (+307.60)

Romania launches bourse

The Romanian national stock exchange will open for the first time today with 12 companies being traded, 11 of which are state controlled.

The companies quoted embrace a range of industries including furniture, medical supplies and engineering products. The only completely private company, from Transylvania, specialises in the manufacture of disposable syringes and needles.

Procedures have been established for dealings in government bonds, but trading will not start in the foreseeable future.

Short-term treasury bills are traded through the Romanian national bank. The stock exchange will start with one trading session per week, increasing as more companies are listed.

About 50 brokerage companies have been authorised by the Romanian Securities Commission.

The Romanian stock exchange has been assisted by the British Know-how Fund, the United States Agency for International Development and the Canadian Overseas Assistance Programme.

Dyson deal

Dyson, a small British company, has won £30 million worth of orders from Japan for its vacuum cleaners that do not use bags. It is the largest European deal of its kind and will lift Japanese imports of domestic electrical goods fivefold.

TDI bus boost

TDI, an American company, is buying British Transport Advertising's bus interests from Maiden Outdoor. The deal lifts TDI's share of all bus advertising in Britain to 61 per cent with advertising space on 22,500 buses covering 75 per cent of the population.

ABI warning

The Association of British Insurers yesterday promised to fight any rise in the rate of insurance premium tax on non-life policyholders. The move is rumoured to be part of the forthcoming Budget.

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What a way to run a global highway

Cable and Wireless controls one of the most solid growth businesses in the world. It plays a leading role in promising ventures in one of the most exciting industries. In the latest six months, its profits grew to £815 million, in spite of hefty losses on new start-ups that should provide long-term growth. Yet the company is in turmoil and the travails of its boardroom could bring its demise. How could this happen?

On the surface, there is a power struggle between two mighty egos: Lord Young, executive chairman, and James Ross, chief executive. That clash may always have been waiting to happen, but it has been triggered by institutional investors in the City. C&W had a grand strategy to create a global communications network based on a federation of companies with different partners. As usual in such circumstances, the City has lost its nerve after a short-term hiccup.

The seeds of conflict go back to Lord Sharp, who did something that the rules of business correctness would now rule out. Eric Sharp came to state-owned C&W as caretaker chairman at the age of 64, made himself chief executive a year later and ruled for a decade. In that time he transformed C&W from an imperial relic, born with the 1866 transatlantic cable, into a privatised group that created Mercury to challenge British Telecom and abroad daringly pieced together the first global communications highway.

These ventures depended as much on politics as business. The 1997 handover also posed a danger to Hong Kong Telecom, long C&W's main provider. Lord Sharp decided that he must recruit a big figure to succeed him. Step forward Lord Young, one-time property entrepreneur and missionary to China as a much-travelled Trade Secretary.


GRAHAM SEARJEANT

Like many a big figure recruit, Lord Young came in as "executive chairman" but needed a chief executive to run the business day-to-day. He got rid of Gordon Owen, builder of Mercury. In came James Ross, former boss of BP in America, no doubt on a prospectus that really did make him the chief executive.

The relationship between an executive chairman and a chief executive can work if the egos are complementary. Often it brings friction. British Aerospace squeezed out the late John Cahill after two years, once he had dug the company out of its hole. Severn Trent lost both men, after their company lost City support. In an Anglo-Saxon boss culture, there is much to be said for having only one, and for having a nominally "non-executive" chairman.

In C&W's case, the strategy did not help. Separate companies with different partners require some management independence. So the chief executive has little to do but focus on group matters such as strategic deals, just like the executive chairman. That is more like international mining than oil.

Lord Young is not everyone's cup of tea, as they say in Whitehall. He likes opportunistic deal-making. That was as annoying to Mr Ross as it is confusing to Veba, the new continental partner, which sees long-term alliances in a solid German kind of way.

The big figure nonetheless proved his worth early on by striking an accommodation with China that provides the best possible security for HK Telecom. The confederation principle has, however, caught C&W on an inescapable hook. If subsidiaries are quoted, as in Hong Kong, or slices of them are traded, then analysts and fund managers can compare the value of the parts with the whole. Usually, the whole will be valued lower. This is particularly so when the unquoted bits tend to be loss-making start-ups. Even on the City's long-term view, about nine months, these rank as a liability rather than an asset.

Even when C&W shares traded at 538p, early in 1994, the stake in HK Telecom counted for most of the market value. Given that start-ups were losing about £100 million a year, the rest of the world rated little. Then Mercury lost its shine. And for City fund managers, Mercury was highly visible. As favoured competitor to BT, it made itself a high service provider to business, still able to undercut BT prices. Come the new wave of competition from low-cost basic cable companies, and big regulatory cuts in BT prices, Mercury was squeezed in the middle. It did not help that One-2-One, Mercury's joint venture mobile network, had problems.

Mercury has slashed costs and is repositioning itself. But the damage was done. C&W shares plunged to a point that left many fund managers embarrassed and where the "break-up" value was about 50 per cent higher than the market value. Veba, which agreed to cement its C&W alliance by buying shares in the market rather than subscribe new ones, found itself flooded with stock. Brokers' circulars note that "the federation, C&W's idea, has so far failed to spark the imagination of investors" or that "the arguments for independence lack conviction".

Speculation has cast Lord Young as a latter-day Samson, poised to dismember or sell the group as the logical finale to his chairmanship. He hotly denies it. A takeover bid is also mooted. At 417p, C&W is still valued at a huge £9 billion but BT rates £23 billion and Japan's NTT £80 billion. America's AT&T, keen to build a world business, is seen as a potential bidder along with BT, which would have to sell Mercury.

No wonder Lord Young and Mr Ross are at loggerheads. But boardroom disarray makes an easy target. If fund managers cash in one of Britain's most important business success stories to recoup a short-term loss, they would deserve the nation's fury. But they could easily divert the blame. The two egos at the centre could not. Non-executive directors must tell them the company is bigger than both of them.

Sarah Bagnall offers British firms advice on the tricks of trading

To Russia with exports

The only certainty about Russia is that you can be certain about nothing. That is the first lesson that British companies learn when trying to export there.

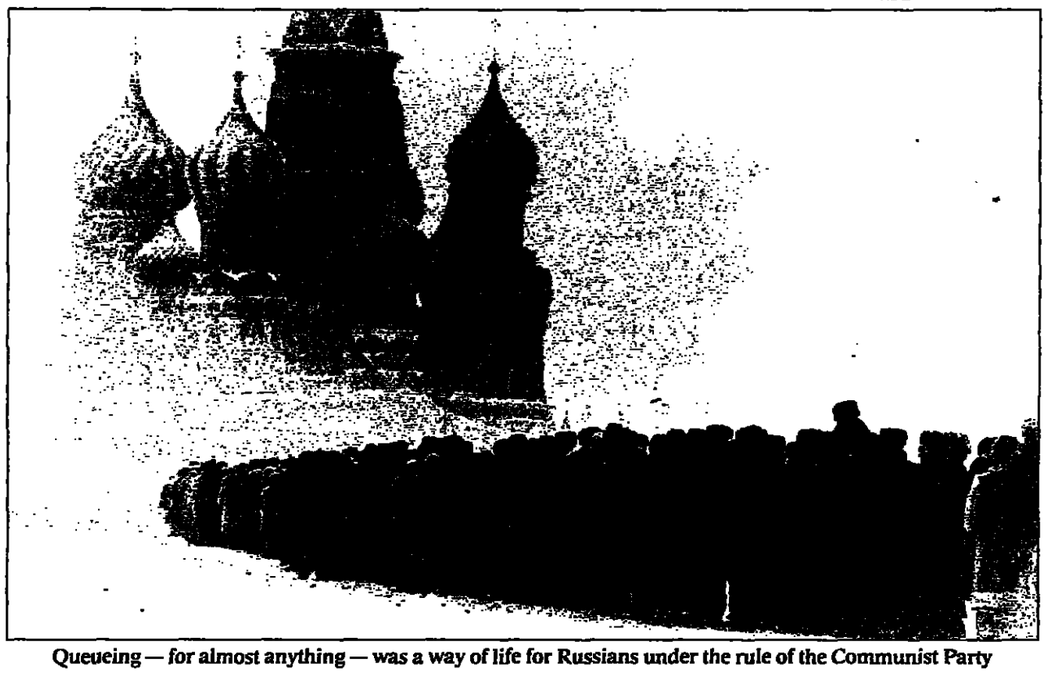
The market is still in its infancy and is changing so rapidly that norms barely exist before they become outdated. As a result, there are no guidebooks from which companies can learn the tricks of the trade from the comfort of their offices in the UK.

With a population of 148 million that is just waking up to the luxury of choice after decades of a staple diet of bread and potatoes under the Communists, Russia represents an opportunity many companies feel they cannot ignore. Recognising this, Food From Britain (FFB), an organisation dedicated to boosting British exports, gathered a group of 19 British companies to take part in last week's World Food '95 exhibition in Moscow.

Patrick Davis, chief executive of FFB, says: "The country is still a place for the brave company, but Russians are very Western brand conscious and want British products. The speed of change is so strong that those that are brave and get in the market with the right partners will see big returns."

The British contingent was among 550 exhibitors gathered from around the world. They ranged from makers of fish fingers, jelly babies, canned haggis and chocolate biscuits to manufacturers of machinery that fills milk cartons, and consultants. They included household names such as McVities, Bass and Bendicks and small businesses such as Grant's of Scotland, a meat and game canner with a turnover of £3.5 million.

For some exhibitors, the trip was a fact-finding mission to assess the export potential, while for others the aim was to hunt out distribution partners to expand sales or launch new products. Few doubt the existence of a market, where about 20 per cent of the population are considered "affluent" enough to afford to feed their hunger for Western goods.


Queueing — for almost anything — was a way of life for Russians under the rule of the Communist Party

Andrew Brochwicz-Lewinski, export trading manager at Burton's Biscuits, a subsidiary of Associated British Foods, says: "Russia represents an opportunity that won't be repeated. The UK market is saturated, while Russia offers significant growth."

The amount of goods imported by Russia is rising fast, leaping between five and ten-fold last year, with foreign food and drink accounting for about 45 per cent of all imports. Britain is the third biggest exporter of food and drink to the country, having notched up sales of £134.8 million in 1994.

But the market is not for the taking without a battle, and the risks are high. Exporters have to avoid almighty pitfalls to have a fighting chance of making a success of trading with Russia. The learning curve is steep.

John Catherall, national sales manager at Seabay, a frozen food company, sums it up: "I have learnt so much this week that next week I will have to sit down and completely rewrite our strategy." Others eschew having a strategy at all, arguing that the market is changing so fast that any plan would be redundant days after being formulated. Mr Brochwicz-Lewinski says: "It's about having a goal but being flexible about how you get there." Corruption is rife in Russia and bureaucracy remains rampant. Bribes are a feature of everyday life. Robert MacGregor, export manager of Elkes Biscuits, part of the Northern Foods group, says: "We hear that palms have to be oiled at every part of the chain, from Customs officers and lorry drivers to warehouse managers." One exhibitor adds that lorry drivers have to carry large amounts of cash to pay the bribes and safes have been installed in the containers. Police are said to stop lorries for spurious reasons and demand "fines".

Crime is a common theme, but British companies do not get embroiled, as dealing with the machinations of the Russian market is the task of the local Russian partners that the companies link with.

Another major headache for companies is the poor transport network. The 17.1 million square kilometres of Russia cover eight time-zones. Roads tend to run out once the lights of the big cities are left behind and finding fuel for journeys to far-flung areas can prove impossible.

Whole container loads are known to disappear without trace, with alcohol and tobacco most at risk. George Thomas, director of sales for Bass Beers, says: "With tobacco and alcohol, it is normal for containers to move in large convoys under armed guard." Bass wants to start exporting a range of Bass and Tennant's draft, bottled and canned beers to Russia. Mr Thomas says: "Bass exported beer in large wooden barrels to St Petersburg in the late eighteenth and nineteenth centuries and the empty vessels were used to bring wood back that was then used to make the beer barrels. The business was stopped by the blocking of the Baltic by the French in the Napoleonic Wars."

For Seabay, which wants to export a range of retail and catering packs of frozen fish, there is the added problem that few households have fridges and freezers and there are few freezer containers to transport its products.

Conversely, the limited supply of refrigerated transport is good news for Howden Packaging Equipment, which makes milk-carton filling machinery. Ross Clark, general manager, says: "Because they don't have refrigerated transport, they use old army lorries, and so every town or city has to have its own distribution." The need for local production offers Howden significant opportunities to sell to Russia.

Research into transport costs has also thrown up some surprises. Mr Catherall says quotes for transporting a container of frozen food from Grimsby, where the company is based, to Omsk ranged from £3,000 to £16,000. Without established norms, the quotes raise questions whether the cheaper transporter knows what he is doing, or whether the expensive one is overcharging.

Bendicks is looking to break into the market with a range of luxury chocolates. Michael Curley, export manager, says some of the range are already on sale in the country, but he has no idea how the product got there. Mr Curley says: "One of the most important aspects of trading in Russia is demanding payment in advance. This is vital as there are no ways of doing credit checks on Russian companies." Furthermore, British companies cannot get credit insurance on Russian companies.

The country boasts more than 2,500 banks, but until recently none was officially recognised by British banks. Now a few are, but companies still insist on payment into an overseas bank before delivering goods.

Burton's Biscuits has been selling its wares in Russia for some time. It started exporting biscuits three years ago and struck gold very quickly with Wagon Wheel, its best selling product. In the first year, Russians got through millions of Wagon Wheels, notching up sales of £1 million. Since then, sales have rocketed. Other lines have proved successful, particularly chocolate-coated products reflecting the Russian taste for British chocolate. "The Russian for yuppie is chocolate eater," says Mr Brochwicz-Lewinski. Coconut Delights — the pink and white coconut sprinkled mallows — are another success. "They are considered very elegant in Russia," he says.

The key to winning in the market is getting the right distributor who forges the contacts with retailers and organises distribution. This is no easy task. Anecdotal evidence suggests there is no shortage of bogus or financially unsound enterprises. This is evidenced by the 50 per cent drop in distributors registered in Russia from 1,600 in 1994 to 800 this year.

Mr MacGregor, of Elkes Biscuits, says: "There is no way one can sell out here without a partner, and the key is getting a good distributor." Miller MacLean, sales director of Grant's of Scotland, agrees: "There are loads of pitfalls so you have to try to establish the right contracts, which is not an easy task as their are lots of questionable ones."

Some of the companies think time is running out for newcomers to the market. Whereas three years ago, it was a sellers' market where virtually any goods would be snapped up without a second's pause, companies now have to compete for their share of the rouble. "If you are late in coming you won't get the best seats. It's as simple as that," says Mr Brochwicz-Lewinski.

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Moscow's GUM store has its attractions, but Russians are now Western brand conscious

RADIO CHOICE

A life of ups and downs

Secret Theatres of the Mind. *Radio 3, 9.25pm.*

Manic depressives have, perforce, to pick up any crumbs of comfort that might fall from "normal" peoples' tables. Michael Ignatieff, presenting the first of five programmes about those who suffer from altered states of mind, lets loose a small shower of crumbs. He rattles off a list of celebrated victims of manic depression. They include Beethoven, Schumann, Byron, Virginia Woolf and Van Gogh. Modestly, he omits his own name, though he admits to having suffered from the distressing condition himself. He asks two manic depressive women, Caroline and Mary Lou, to describe their ups and downs. It makes fascinating — though all too familiar — listening.

Whose Freedom is it Anyway? *Radio 4, 9.15pm.*

This *World Tonight* special is the first of five in which Vera Frankl meets women whose lives have been profoundly affected by the political changes in Eastern Europe. Vera Lengsfeld was expelled from Germany for peace activities that were denounced as subversive. Her husband went with her, and they returned to Berlin when the Wall crumbled. A newspaper editor told her that her husband had been exposed as an informer for Stasi, the secret police, and that she was one of the people he had betrayed. Eventually, he confessed his culpability to her, his pathetic excuse being that he had tried to convert Stasi to his, and his wife's, liberal views. Lengsfeld, having shed her husband, is now a green party MP. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo **4.00am** Clive Warren **6.30** Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson, including at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat; and at **1.15** The Net **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, including at **4.40** *Judge Dredd*; **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat; **6.15** The Net **7.00** Evening Session: Sleeper **9.00** Apache Indian **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00** Wendy Lloyd

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Debbie Thrower **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg **7.30** Malcolm Laycock with Dance Band Days, and at **8.00** Big Band Era **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton **10.00** Thicker Than Water **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Digby Fairweather **1.00** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **8.35** The Megazine, incl at **10.35** Euronews; **11.05** Going Bananas **12.00** Midday with Mair **2.05** Ruscoe on Five, incl at **2.35** Actuality, and at **3.45** Entertainment News **4.00** John Inverdale, incl at **5.45** Entertainment News **7.00** News Extra, incl at **7.20** sport **7.35** Sportstrack **8.00** The Monday Match. Southampton v Aston Villa **10.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra, incl at **11.15** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** The Other Side of Midnight **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Sandy Warr **7.00** Simon Bates **10.00** Jonathan King **12.00** Tommy Boyd **2.00pm** Anna Raeburn **4.00** Scott Chisholm and Lowri Turner **7.00** Sean Bolger **9.00** Moz Dee **10.00** James Whale **1.00-6.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT **5.00am** Newsday **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** Off the Shelf: *Middlemarch* **7.30** The Vintage Chart Show **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The Greenfield Collection **9.00** News in German **9.15** Anything Goes **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** Newsdesk **10.30** BBC English **10.45** Off the Shelf: *Middlemarch* **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** Omnibus **12.00** News **12.05pm** Business Report **12.15** Britain Today **12.30** Purcell's London **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** John Peel **3.00** News in German **3.15** Concert Hall **4.00** News **4.15** The World Today **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** Business Report **5.45** Sport **8.00** Newsdesk **6.30** News in German **7.00** News **7.01** Outlook **7.25** Words of Faith **7.30** Multitrack: Hit List **8.00** Newshour **9.00** News **9.05** Business Report **9.15** Britain **9.30** Omnibus **10.00** Newsdesk **10.30** The World Today **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.10am** Take Five **11.15** Ed Stewart **11.45** Development 95 **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** Folk Routes **12.45** Britain **1.00** World News **1.10** Press Review **1.15** Around the Beatles **1.45** Health **2.00** Newsday **2.30** Quote, Unquote **3.00** News **3.15** Sport **3.30** John Peel **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** Europe

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Newsnight **6.30** Sonata **7.00** A to Z of Classical Music **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Sally Peterson

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.30** Paul Coyte **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00-6.00am** Robin Banks

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Beethoven (Overture, The Ruins of Athens; Symphony No 2 in D); Clementi (Piano Sonata in D, Op 40 No 3: Nikolai Demidenko); Nielsen (Sega-Drom: Danish National RSO under Gennadi Rozhdestvensky); **8.05** *Symphony Series*: Mozart (Symphony No 24 in B flat); Bach (Sonata in G minor)

9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini. Vivaldi (Concerto in G minor, per l'orchestra di Dresda); Granados (El Pelele, Goyescas); Dvořák (Symphony No 4 in D minor)

10.00 Musical Encounters. Mathias (Fanfare); Franck (Le Chasseur maudit); **10.25** *Artist of the Week*: John Lill, piano, performs Beethoven (Piano Sonata in E flat); **10.50** Prokofiev (New Year's Eve Ball, Waltz Suite); Purcell (We must assemble by a sacrifice, Circe); Wagner (Dawn and Siegfried's Rhine Journey, Götterdämmerung); Verdi (Ave Maria, Four Sacred Pieces); Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 1 in F sharp minor)

12.00pm Fairest Isle: Composer of the Week. Nicholas Maw (Scenes and Arias; Personae)

1.00 BBC Lunchtime Concert. live from St John's, Smith Square, London. Endellion Quartet performs Bartók (String Quartet No 3); Mozart (String Quintet in G minor: Bruno Giuranna, viola)

2.00 Schools. The Song Tree **2.15** Storybox **2.25** Let's Move **2.45** First Steps in Drama

3.00 The BBC Orchestras. BBC Philharmonic under Günther Herbig, performs Chopin (Piano Concerto No 1 in E minor: Noriko Ogawa)

3.45 Fairest Isle: National Trust Instruments. Sophie Yates plays music by Handel and Thomas Arne on the early 18th-century Barton spinet at Blickling Hall, Norfolk

4.30 You Take Some Skins ... Russell Davies explores the complex relationship between black and white jazz musicians (2/6) (r)

5.00 The Music Machine. Tommy Pearson presents a guide to examinations with the Associated Board of the Royals Schools of Music

5.15 In Tune, with Natalie Wheen Bach (Chromatic Fantasia in D minor); **6.03** Scriabin (Poème-Nocturne); Schoenberg (Verklärte Nacht)

7.30 Fairest Isle: The Indian Queen. Academy of Ancient Music Chorus and Orchestra under Christopher Hogwood performs Purcell's semi-opera. With Emma Kirkby and Catherine Bott

9.25 States of Mind: Secret Theatres of the Mind. See Choice

9.50 New Waves. The Dutch composer Rudi van Dijk talks about his music with Chris de Souza

10.45 Mixing It, with Mark Russell and Robert Sandall

11.30-12.30am Ensemble. Bernard d'Ascoli, piano Schumann (Kreisleriana); Chopin (Ballade No 2 in F, Op 38; Scherzo No 2 in B flat minor)

1.00-2.20 Night School. German 12-14: **1.40** Spanish 14-18

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** One Year On **8.58** Weather

9.00-10.00 and 11.00-4.00pm Test Match Special (LW only). South Africa v England. Final day's play in the first Test, from Pretoria

9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week, with Melvyn Bragg, Minette Marrin, Michael Ignatieff, Nicholas Humphrey, Julia Pascal and Naomi Grn

10.00-10.30 News; The Lipman Test (FM only). The Pony Club. Maureen Lipman examines the British at play (3/6)

10.00 Daily Service (LW only) from Tonbridge School, Kent

10.15 This Sceptr'd Isle (LW)

10.30 Woman's Hour (FM only from 11.00). Serial: *The Misses Mallett* (4/12)

NB: The following programmes are on FM only until 4pm

11.30 Money Box Live: 0171-580 4444. Lines open from 10am

12.00 News; You and Yours

12.25pm Round Britain Quiz. London v Scotland in the final round **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; P Division — Code Four One. Hooked. Last of six police dramas, by Nick McCarty, based on characters created by Peter Turnbull

3.00 The Afternoon Shift

4.00 News

4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews Hindemith's opera *Mathis der Maler*

4.45 Short Story: Human Seal, by Lesley Glaister. Read by Jillie Meers

5.00 PM, with Nigel Wrench and Chris Lowe

5.45 Party Political Broadcast by the Labour Party **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather

6.00 News 6.30 I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue (r)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 The Food Programme (r)

7.45 The Monday Play: Kindertransport, by Diane Samuels. Francesca Annis stars as an evacuee from Nazi Germany whose past comes back to haunt her when her daughter discovers a German storybook and identification papers. With Kate Hardie

9.15 Whose Freedom is it Anyway? See Choice

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig

10.45 Book at Bedtime: Spring Torrents (6/8)

11.00-11.30 Devout Sceptics. Bel Mooney talks to Michael Eavis, founder of the Glastonbury festival (r)

11.00-11.30 Education Matters (LW only)

11.30-12.00 Unofficial Rosie (FM) (6/6) (r)

11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)

12.00am News, incl **12.27** Weather

12.30 The Late Book: Bright Lights, Big City, by Jay McInerney. Read by Chris Eigeman (1/9)

12.48 Shipping Forecast **1.00 As World Service**

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Crises of faith and matters beyond belief

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

A curious spiritual journey was at the heart of Jimmy McGovern's **Priest** on Saturday night (BBC2). Greg (Linus Roache), a gay minister, starts off as a man full of idealism, who sensibly reads *The Times*. He preaches to the congregation about individual responsibility. "There is just sin!" he says, his eyes wide with certainty. Meanwhile, his fellow priest Matthew (Tom Wilkinson, with dodgy scouse accent) subscribes to *The Guardian*. In fact, it is clear that Matthew has been reading that newspaper far too long, and it has led him into strange, irreligious ways: he cohabits with Cathy Tyson, imports guitar music into services, and uses the word "dick" in sermons.

So what of Greg's spiritual journey? Well, it is a case of trendier-than-thou. When Greg's sex life is exposed, and his faith lets him down in other departments, he attempts suicide (feebly) and then crawls back to be forgiven. Conveniently, he embraces relativism ("Let him who is without sin cast the first stone") — which is a bit rich surely, and rather destroys the point of being a priest. Naturally, one feels sorry for him (as a chap). He sobs openly in Communion, to the tune of that old scouse tear-jerker *You'll Never Walk Alone*. But as a priest, he should pull himself together. Above all, he should defy rival newspapers, when their weasel words tempt him from the true path.

Varieties of flawed belief were everywhere on television this weekend. In an excellent **Equinox** (Channel 4) last night, we met the world-class physicists who believe they are modern-day priests, interpreting the quantum mysteries of the universe. Daily they confront the interesting idea that God, in the beginning, created matter and anti-matter and a few laws of physics, and then pushed it all off into space saying "Goodbye — and good luck!". Then the last of Angus Deayton's tiresome series **In Search of Happiness** (BBC1) interpreted religious faith to include fanatical supporters of Northampton Football Club ("We all follow the Cobblers") and a woman who runs a hedgehog sanctuary. To be fair, however, the hedgehog lady was probably the happiest person Deayton has met in all his travels. Mysteriously, she confessed to having "a hedgehog smile".

Television viewers, of course, know all about tests of faith, because every so often a drama series like **The Final Cut** (BBC1) comes along, and defies you to believe in it for more than 30 seconds together. You remember how Alice was instructed to try believing six impossible things before breakfast? *The Final Cut* is like that. The press conferences, the parliamentary speeches, Geoffrey Booza Pitt (or "Sooty") as Foreign Secretary — not only is it all preposterous, but its preposterousness, fatally, fails to entertain. Even Tom Makepeace's front door elicited a scoff from me. "That front door is a travesty!" There is no critical precedent for such an observation.

More in sorrow than anger, one strains to hear the clear delicious bell-tones of *House of Cards* and *To Play the King*. But the characteristic sound of *The Final Cut* is a dull, flat "tink". This is not the true metal. Nothing about *The Final Cut* bears examination, in dramatic terms, or realistic ones. Having long since exhausted hope for the cheesey plot, I wonder why I am still watching. Isla Blair's ample breasts are nothing to me, although I'm quite keen on her earrings. It is pure faith, I suppose; faith that the old *House of Cards* spirit will miraculously pierce the bluntness and save the day.

But I am a sad case; I admit that. Meanwhile it must be said that Ian Richardson and Diane Fletcher carry off their sub-Shakespearean duties with dignity, refusing to acknowledge how low the surrounding landscape has sunk. Their consolation must surely be that, pretty soon, Birnam Wood will come to Dunsinane, and do us all a favour.

High point of the weekend was BBC2's *Tx* on Saturday — the beautifully made **Hustlers, Hoaxsters, Pranksters, Jokesters and Ricky Jay**. This was the first ever arts programme to be devoted to a man who shuffles cards, and it showed that despite the evidence of *The Final Cut*, overt deception can still be extremely diverting.

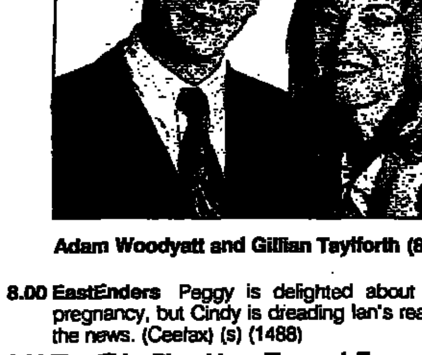
Ricky Jay is properly called a prestidigitator, meaning literally a person with nimble fingers; but that's like saying Edward Scissorhands is sharp. Jay is steeped in ancient trickery. He demands respect, and gets it (he's quite scary). Puffing and portly, he sorts, fans, cuts, streams and thumps the cards, and performs jaw-dropping miracles involving the ten of diamonds. No one should ever play *Hunt the Lady* with this man.

Finally, Friday night comedy took a strange turn this week with ITV joining the fray (*Faith in the Future*, starring Lynda Bellingham and Julia Sawalha) and BBC2 unveiling *Coogan's Run* — a series of comedy dramas for Steve Coogan. I shall return to *Coogan's Run* another week; meanwhile **Faith in the Future** is a middle-aged romance comedy, in which a grown-up woman gets all confused and unnecessary when confronted by the prospect of sex. Her name, of course, is Faith — which is, I think, where we came in.

Maureen Lipman already went through this sex dilemma in *Agony Again*, and displayed a rather touching vulnerability about it. But Bellingham is not worried about getting hurt, she is here to remind us that the situation is just jolly awkward, ho ho, and thus confronts the problem as though tackling the washing. "How do we undo this?" she demands, scuffling on the bed in the dark. "You don't," says her bemused boyfriend, "that's the mattress."

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (36730)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (94448575)
9.10 Kilroy (s) (4071643)
10.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (5435594)
10.05 NEW **Can't Cook, Won't Cook.** Ainsley Harriott challenges two hopeless cooks to create a family favourite (s) (9986402)
10.30 Good Morning with Anne and Nick (s) (45310)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9430846) **12.05pm Pebble Mill** (s) (4596594) **12.50 Regional News** and weather (23203846)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (15198)
1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (25268285) **1.55 Knots Landing** (s) (5466391) **2.40 The Clothes Show** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (2210001) **3.05 Incognito** (s) (1834759)
3.30 Philbert the Frog (s) (6725469) **3.35 Oakie Doke** (s) (5535643) **3.45 Dear Mr Barker** (s) (5555407) **4.00 Alvin and the Chipmunks** (r) (2103575) **4.15 Phantom 2040** (Ceefax) (s) (6068310) **4.35 Grange Hill** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (1689933)
5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (8618339) **5.10 Blue Peter** (Ceefax) (s) (5297440)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (428594)
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (223)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (575)
7.00 Telly Addicts. Noel Edmonds presents the television trivia quiz show. (Ceefax) (s) (5440)
7.30 Watchdog. Consumer magazine presented by Anne Robinson (Ceefax) (s) (759)

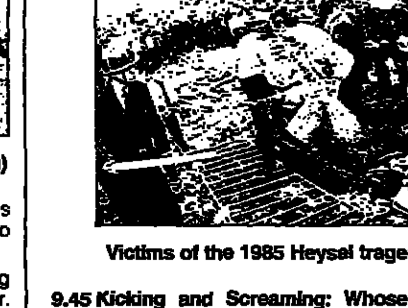


Adam Woodyatt and Gillian Taylforth (8.00pm)

8.00 EastEnders Peggy is delighted about Kathy's pregnancy, but Cindy is dreading Ian's reaction to the news. (Ceefax) (s) (1488)
8.30 The Thin Blue Line: Fire and Terror starring Rowan Atkinson, Kevin Allen and Mina Anwar. Comedy series set in a small police station. (Ceefax) (s) (3223)
9.00 A Party Political Broadcast by the Labour Party (Ceefax) (393556)
9.05 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (737933)
9.40 CHOICE **Panorama: An Interview with the Princess of Wales.** (Ceefax) (652092)
10.40 Chef! The Big Cheese. Acerbic wit from Lenny Henry and Caroline Lee Johnson. (r) (Ceefax) (s) (830718) **WALES: 10.20** Children in Need **10.25** Dez Rez **10.55** Chef! **11.25** Film 95 with Barry Norman **11.55-1.35am** Film: Travelling Man
11.10 Film 95 with Barry Norman. Tonight's reviews include the 17th James Bond adventure *GoldenEye*. (Ceefax) (s) (682440)
11.40 FILM: Travelling Man (1989) starring John Lithgow, Jonathan Silverman, Margaret Colin, John Glover and Chynna Phillips. A top travelling salesman is teamed up with an unscupulous newcomer. The daily misery of a competitive job is compounded by his partner's doctoring of the accounts, but relief arrives in the form of a distracting female. Directed by Irvin Kershner (Ceefax) (530914) **1.20am Weather** (3198112)

BBC2

6.00am Technology Season
7.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax) (4772827)
7.15 Lassie (4784662) **7.35 The Legend of Prince Valiant** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (1984469) **8.00 Blue Peter** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (3151310)
8.25 Songs of Praise (r) (Ceefax) (s) (5558575)
9.00 Daytime on Two Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (4388653)
2.00 Brum (r) (89602952)
2.15 FILM: No Place Like Home (1989) starring Christine Lahti and Jeff Daniels. A drama directed by Lee Grant. Includes **News** and weather at **3.00.** (Ceefax) (447488) **3.55 News** (Ceefax) and weather (6510204)
4.00 Today's the Day. History quiz (s) (488)
4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (372)
5.00 Esther. The guests are priests who have broken their vow of celibacy. (s) (3846)
5.30 Going Going Gone Auction game (s) (952)
6.00 Space Precinct. Futuristic police drama series. (Ceefax) (s) (313020)
6.45 Top Gear Rally Report. Highlights of day two of the Network Q RAC Rally (s) (925223)
7.00 People's Century (r) (Ceefax) (s) (265339)
7.55 Close Up. Brian Cox selects a scene from Kristof Kieslowski's *Three Colours: Blue* (s) (561469)
8.00 Horizon: Hunt for the Doomsday Asteroid. A documentary highlighting scientists' fears about the giant rocks orbiting the sun on a potential collision course with Earth. (Ceefax) (s) (757136)
8.50 Travel Show — Short Cuts. The markets and beaches of Mexico (r). (Ceefax) (s) (879285)
9.00 The X Files: Irresistible. Science-fiction drama series (Ceefax) (s) (748914)

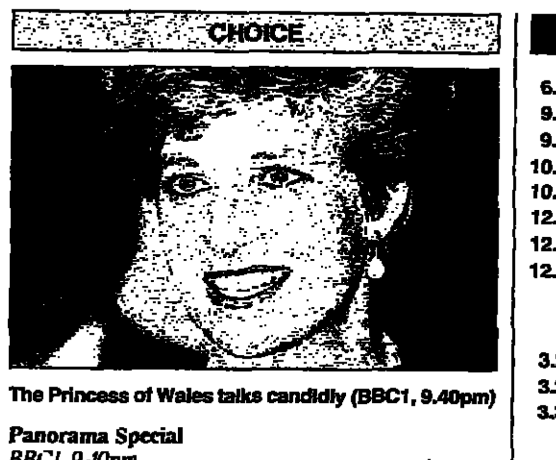


Victims of the 1985 Heysel tragedy (9.45pm)

9.45 Kicking and Screaming: Whose Game Is It Anyway? Last in the football series. (Ceefax) (s) (200310)
10.30 A Party Political Broadcast by the Labour Party. (Ceefax) (528778)
10.35 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman. (Ceefax) (503339)
11.20 The Art Marathon. The amateur art enthusiasts from Londonderry visit the Museum of Modern Art in Dublin. (s) (605391)
11.50 Top Gear Rally Report. Highlights of the second day of the Network Q RAC Rally (s) (811285). Followed by **Weather**
12.00 Midnight Hour with Sir Bernard Ingham. Political chat show (s) (79315)
12.30am-6.00 The Learning Zone

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CHOICE



The Princess of Wales talks candidly (BBC1, 9.40pm)

Panorama Special
BBC1, 9.40pm

If an interview with the Princess of Wales cannot deliver *Panorama* the biggest viewing figures of its 40-year history then nothing can, even if it overlaps with the last 20 minutes of *Cracker* on a rival channel. The BBC's decision to keep the contents of the programme secret up to transmission time means that it may be best to stick with the advice given to the jurors at the Rosemary West trial: forget the speculation and rumour and concentrate on the evidence. The news that the Princess agreed to be interviewed with no limitation on the areas of questioning should guarantee a lively session, perhaps matching the frankness displayed by the Prince of Wales in his chat with Jonathan Dimbleby.

Porkpie: Spend, Spend, Spend
Channel 4, 8.30pm

In the real world winning the National Lottery jackpot can be no laughing matter. But trust Trix Worrell's genial comedy to concentrate on the fun and forget the pain. Having been spun off from *Desmond's*, the previous Worrell sit-com, the voluble Porkpie (Ram Jam Holder) has been saved from lonely and penniless old age by the six magic numbers. From now on the jokes will centre on how he spends the money and there is no shortage of advice. Derek Griffiths, a relishable comedy actor, is settling in smoothly as Porkpie's disreputable confidant and young Robbie Tucker is clearly a name to watch. As in *Desmond's*, Worrell employs a mainly black cast.

Inside Out: From Despair, To Where?
Channel 4, 8.00pm

The story of Gill Armstrong is hardly comfortable viewing, and would probably be better scheduled at a later hour. She is a self-abuser, who thinks so little of herself that she is apt to take a Stanley knife and gash the word SCUM or LOST into her arm. She puts it down to wretchedly unhappy schooldays when, in her own words, she was "autistically shy, fat, plain, specky and swotty". The feeling of rejection has persisted into her adult life. She still worries about her appearance and tries to hide behind a mask of make-up. After all this it is something of a shock to learn that Armstrong is happily married and has a young son to whom she is no danger. Making the film must have taken guts, but she says it was a form of therapy.

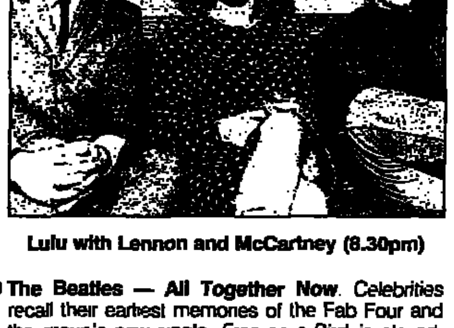
The Factory: We've Got a Bit of a Panic On
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Paul Watson's series about the Liverpool gas fire factory continues to be shrewdly observed and admirably balanced. We can feel for the staff, modestly paid and fearing redundancy in an area of already high unemployment. Particularly telling is the story of Vera, who cut off the top of her finger in a hand press. There used to be a surgery and full-time nurse on site but they were discontinued as an economy measure. Vera had to walk across the road to another building to get help. But management, too, is under strain, at the mercy of erratic suppliers and struggling to meet the demands of its main customer, British Gas. John Grear, the managing director, tells the staff that British Gas used to be a soft touch. Now, he says, it is "lean, mean and horrid".

Peter Waymark

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (80049)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep Quiz (s) (9031117)
9.55 London Today (Teletext) (3681010)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place (s) (8658407)
10.35 This Morning (72772469)
12.20pm London Today (Teletext) (9429730)
12.30 News and weather (Teletext) (9469594)
12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (9444285) **1.25 Coronation Street** (r) (Teletext) (34494353) **1.55 Shortland Street.** (s) (92691488) **2.20 Blue Heelers** (8348759)
3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (8503575)
3.25 London Today (Teletext) (8502846)
3.30 The Slow Norris (s) (5521440) **3.40 Tots TV** (s) (6723001) **3.50 Wolves, Witches and Giants** (s) (5532556) **4.05 Sooty and Co** (s) (6523778) **4.30 Where's Wally?** (r) (1691778) **4.50 How 2** (Teletext) (7669488)
5.10 After 5 with Mary Nightingale. (Teletext) (7631223)
5.40 ITN News and weather (Teletext) (776778)
5.55 Your Shout Viewers air their views (699136)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (391)
6.30 London Tonight. (Teletext) (643)
7.00 The Krypton Factor. This week's four finalists are a computer analyst, a data systems manager, a motor factory manager and a civil servant. (Teletext) (s) (9376)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (827)
8.00 Bruce's Price is Right. (Teletext) (s) (6556)

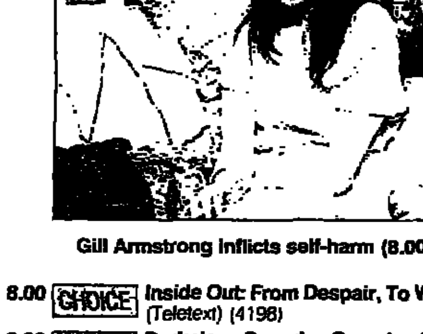


Lulu with Lennon and McCartney (8.30pm)

8.30 The Beatles — All Together Now. Celebrities recall their earliest memories of the Fab Four and the group's new single, *Free as a Bird*, is played. (Teletext) (8391)
9.00 Cracker: True Romance (Part 1 of 2). Fitz starts getting anonymous love letters from a woman who thinks he is perfect. (Teletext) (s) (7533)
10.00 A Party Political Broadcast by the Labour Party (611759)
10.05 ITN News at Ten and weather (Teletext) (370730)
10.35 London Tonight (Teletext) (251594)
10.45 The Good Sex Guide Abroad. (Teletext) (s) (195643)
11.15 Traps: The Devil's Tools (169488)
12.15am Short Story Cinema: Beware of the Dog (2886792)
12.50 Endsleigh League Extra (6116605)
1.35 Sport AM (1800599)
2.30 Quiz Night. (5702228)
2.55 FILM: On the Third Day Arrived the Crow (1973). A spaghetti western starring Lincoln Tate and William Berger (9689841)
4.25 Profile. Lou Gramm and Mick Jones of US-based rockers Foreigner (s) (68330599)
4.35 Best of British Motorsport (86010044)
5.00 The Chrystal Rose Show (r) (s) (48082)
5.30 ITN Morning News (67570) Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Heathcliff Cartoon series (r) (2619240)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (38049)
9.00 Evening Shade. Small-town America comedy series starring Burt Reynolds (r) (s) (56310)
9.30 Schools Geography (4568933) **9.45** Book Box (4563488) **10.00** Stage Two Science (3445372) **10.15** Learn Sign Language (2315952) **10.20** Place and People (3456488) **10.40** The English Programme **11.05** Encyclopaedia Galactica (7087339) **11.15** The Mix (6494310) **11.30** Rat-a-Tat-Tat (4809865) **11.45** Junior Technology (4897020)
12.00 Crawshaw's Sketching and Drawing Course. The importance of choosing the correct subject and advice on sketching in oils (Teletext) (s) (43846)
12.30pm Sesame Street (70399) **1.30 Gumdrop** followed by **Bush Tales, The Magic Roundabout** and **Musti** (92689643) **1.50 Lion.** Vintage animation (15503914)
2.00 FILM: An American Guerrilla in the Philippines (1950) A Second World War drama starring Tyrone Power, directed by Fritz Lang (7136)
4.00 Think Tank Quiz. (Teletext) (s) (556)
4.30 Fifteen to One with William G Stewart. (Teletext) (s) (440)
5.00 Love in the Afternoon. Romantic magazine (Teletext) (s) (7049)
6.00 Roseanne (r). (Teletext) (s) (933)
6.30 Hollyoaks. Phil Redmond's Chester-based teen soap (Teletext) (s) (285)
7.00 Channel 4 News Includes headlines and weather at 7.30. (Teletext) (250407)
7.55 The Slot. Viewers' video soap box (589865)



Gill Armstrong inflicts self-harm (8.00pm)

8.00 CHOICE **Inside Out: From Despair, To Where?** (Teletext) (4198)
8.30 CHOICE **Porkpie: Spend, Spend, Spend.** (Teletext) (s) (6933)
9.00 CHOICE **The Factory: We've Got a Bit of a Panic On.** (Teletext) (s) (766310)
9.45 Holy Places. The story of St Mary's Priory, Tottenham, north London, which was bought by the Sultan of Brunei and turned into a mosque at a cost of £7 million. The priory's seven nuns now live in a smaller convent within the grounds (s) (766894)
10.00 Homicide — Life on the Street. Baltimore police drama series. Pembleton's life is threatened by a man he helped to put inside for six years. (Teletext) (s) (1078310)
11.05 The American Football Big Match The Dallas Cowboys at the Oakland Raiders and the St Louis Rams at the Atlanta Falcons (s) (123827)
12.20am Trans World Sport (r) (6119599)
1.25 Let the Blood Run Free. Black comedy series set in an Australian hospital (r) (s) (3464179)
1.50 FILM: Brigham Young (1940, b/w) starring Dean Jagger, Tyrone Power and Linda Darnell. A biopic of the Mormon leader, directed by Henry Hathaway(92598112). Ends at **3.50**
4.00 Schools: The Arts Connection (659889) Ends at **5.50**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (9444285) **1.25** Home and Away (34494353) **1.55** A Country Practice (25261372) **2.25-3.20** Blue Heelers (8707730) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (7631223) **6.25** Anglia Weather (672694) **6.30-7.00** Anglia News (643) **10.45** Cover Story (195643) **11.15** The Good Sex Guide Abroad (192556) **11.45** Hunter (815846) **12.40am** Pop Profile (4506537) **1.35** Film: I Walk Alone (444228) **4.05** Motorsport (83525247) **4.30** The Time ... the Place (59686) **5.00** The Real Ghostbusters (48082)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.55-2.20 A Country Practice (92691488) **3.25-3.30** Central News (8502846) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (7631223) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (670952) **11.15** Crime Story (169488) **12.15am** Sledge Hammer (2886792) **4.25-5.20** Jobfinder (3282957)

GRANADA
As London except: 12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (9444285) **1.25** Home and Away (11987575) **1.50** Murder, She Wrote (8789759) **2.50-3.20** Gardeners' Diary (2301759) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (7631223) **6.25** Granada Tonight (670952) **10.35-10.45** Granada News (251594) **11.15** The Sporting Press (951117) **11.30** There's Only One Brian Moore (843339) **12.35am-12.50** Pop Profile (9858470) **4.25-4.35** Jobfinder (68330599)

HTV WEST
As London except: 12.55-1.20 Shortland Street (7286001) **1.20** Coronation Street (33044812) **2.20-3.20** Side Effects (8348759) **5.10-5.40** What's My Line? (7631223) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (643) **10.50** The West Story (607597) **11.20** Limited Edition (609117) **11.50** Spotlight (210407) **12.20am** Good Advice (6240247) **4.25** Jobfinder (68330599)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 5.10-5.40 The Electric Chair (7631223) **6.30-7.00** Wales Tonight (643) **10.35** HTV Wales News (242846) **10.50** Classical Gas (244049) **11.50** Prisoner Cell Block H (544846)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (9444285) **1.25** Home and Away (34494353) **1.55** A Country Practice (25261372) **2.25-3.20** Blue Heelers (8707730) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (7631223) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (391) **6.30-7.00** Down by the River (643) **10.35** Meridian News and Weather (242846) **10.50** The Pier (329488) **11.15** The Listings (293730) **11.20** The Good Sex Guide Abroad (609117) **11.50** Beyond Reason (210407) **12.20am** Short Story Cinema (6240247) **1.35** Film: I Walk Alone (444228) **4.05** Best of British Motorsport (83525247) **4.30** The Time ... the Place (59686) **5.00** Freescreen (48082)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (9444285) **1.25** Home and Away (34494353) **1.55** High Road (25261372) **2.25** Gardeners' Diary (70858136) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (2301759) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (7631223) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (86049) **11.15** Fair's Fair (192556) **11.45** Side Effects (185627)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (9444285) **1.25** Home and Away (34494353) **1.55** A Country Practice (92691488) **2.20** An Invitation to Remember (70840117) **2.50** Help Yourself (6993407) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (2228020) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (7631223) **5.55** Calendar (958117) **6.30-7.00** The Dales Diary (643) **10.45** New Voices The Spendaware Family (195643) **11.15** The Good Sex Guide Abroad (192556) **11.45** Prisoner Cell Block H (815846) **12.40am** Endsleigh League Extra (8110421) **1.25** Film: Cold Blood (5393353) **2.45** The New Music (567995) **3.45** Recollections (95957) **4.15** Jobfinder (9881841)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (38049) **9.00** Evening Shade (56310) **9.30** Schools (65556) **9.30** Geography (4568933) **9.45** Tro Yn Ol (7487049) **10.05** Sang-di-fang (3444643) **10.20** Place And People (3456488) **10.40** The English Programme (1080204) **11.05** Encyclopedia Galactica (7087339) **11.15** Ffenestri (6494310) **11.30** Perwewdau (4809865) **11.45** Junior Technology (4897020) **12.00pm** Right To Reply (43846) **12.30** Katie And Orbie (69372) **1.00** Slot Meithrin (31136) **1.30** Crawshaws Sketching And Drawing (68643) **2.00** Film: Johnny Eager (7136) **4.00** Think Tank (556) **4.30** Simply The Best (440) **5.00** 5 Pump Rownd A Rownd (8601049) **5.10** 5 Pump: Ffeil (8690933) **5.20** 5 Pump Tochaban (5826440) **5.30** Fifteen To One (420) **6.00** Newyddion (300730) **6.15** Heno (300681) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (254407) **7.25** Y Byd Ar Bedwar (953117) **8.00** Fo A Fe **Nid** With Ei Big (4198) **8.30** Newyddion (6933) **9.00** Homicide — Life On The Streets (6865) **10.00** Sgorio (1078310) **11.05** The American Football Big Match (123827) **12.20am** Frasier (6248889) **12.50** Prekpie (3984518) **1.20** Inside Out: From Despair To Where? (3449860) **1.50** Diwedd

SATELLITE

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SKY ONE
7.00am The DJ Kat Show (57372) **8.00** Power Rangers (77827) **8.30** Jeopardy (78198) **9.00** Court TV (90778) **9.30** Oprah Winfrey (83778) **10.30** Concentration (89662) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (57198) **12.00** Spellbound (70914) **12.30pm** Designing Women (96440) **1.00** The Waltons (24223) **2.00** Geraldo (24372) **3.00** Court TV (4117) **3.30** The Oprah Winfrey Show (9388136) **4.20** Undun (1819488) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (5469) **6.00** Power Rangers (6681) **6.30** Spellbound (7933) **7.00** LAPD (6198) **7.30** M*A*S*H (3117) **8.00** Saturday, Sunday (5846) **8.30** Revelations (7681) **9.00** Police Rescue (58204) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (51391) **11.00** Law and Order (61391) **12.00** David Letterman (9209082) **12.45am** The Untouchables (3829841) **1.30** Smouldering Lust (39995) **2.00-6.00** Hit Mix (8987150)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (34740763) **10.10** CBS 60 Minutes (8561865) **11.00** News and Business (850846) **1.30pm** CBS News (60339) **2.30** Parliament (71598) **3.30** Parliament (5339) **4.00** News and Business (27846) **5.00** Live at Five (65391) **6.30** Tonight (60037117) **8.10** CBS 60 Minutes (399136) **9.00** News and Business (526117) **11.30** CBS News (21594) **12.30am** ABC News (54792) **1.30** Tonight (2394711) **2.10** CBS 60 Minutes (6129995) **3.30** Parliament Replay (98082) **4.30** CBS News (44624) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (23150)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (4218778) **10.00 Me and the Kid (1994)** (91876) **12.00 The Fish That Saved Pittsburgh (1979)** (38575) **2.00pm Cross My Heart (1990)** (42643) **4.00 Home to Stay (1978)** (3001) **6.00 Me and the Kid (1994)** (27594) **7.30 Close-Up: Kathleen Turner and Cast on Serial Mom** (8285) **8.00 Tom and Viv (1993)** (67952) **10.00 Cliffhanger (1993)** (253933) **11.55 Under Investigation (1993)** (184759) **1.35am The Adventures of Ford Fairlane (1990)** (649204) **3.15 A Murderous Affair: The Carolyn Warmus Story (1992)** (180286) **4.45-6.00 Home to Stay (1978)** (1981895)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
4.00pm The Prisoner of Zenda (1952) (8117) **6.00 Flying Down to Rio (1933)** (37759) **8.00 The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas (1982)** (32204) **10.00 Damien: Omen II (1978)** (426827) **11.55 Mutiny on the Buses (1973)** (216136) **1.25-3.25 Citizen Kane (1941)** (397605)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Tarzan's Magic Fountain (1949) (89865) **8.00 Little Nemo: Adventures in Slumberland (1993)** (46594) **10.00 That's My Boy (1951)** (91858) **12.00 Mon Père Ce Héros (1992)** (36117) **2.00pm Pure Country (1992)** (1843) **4.00 Little Nemo: Adventures in Slumberland** (1643) **6.00 Where the Red Fern Grows, Part 2 (1991)** (60049) **8.00 Royce (1993)** (65584) **10.00 Murder Between Friends (1994)** (504204) **11.40 Dr Hackyl and Mr Hype (1980)** (192778) **1.20am South Central LA (1992)** (394624) **3.00 Arcade (1993)** (5866402) **4.25-6.00 Big Wheels and Sailor (1970)** (986605)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL
Sky Movies Gold from 10pm to 4am.
6.00am Umbrella Tree (32051759) **6.30** Muppet Babies (27163778) **7.00** Winnie the Pooh (67976594) **7.30** Duckdales (67955001) **8.00** Chip 'n' Dale (82965117) **8.30** Wonderland (82984488) **9.00** Fraggle Rock (82948440) **9.30** Pooh Corner (90381914) **10.00** Dumbo's Circus (27147730) **10.30** Quack Attack (82977952) **11.00** Walt Disney Presents (87971049) **12.00** FILM: The Monkey's Uncle (56019223) **1.30** Dinosaurs (90384001) **2.00** Adventures in Wonderland (78897914) **2.30** Umbrella Tree (86701136) **3.00** Fraggle Rock (78818049) **3.30** Winnie (86706881) **4.00** Quack Attack (86792488) **4.30** Ducktales (86781372) **5.00** Chip 'n' Dale (78811594) **5.30** Danger Bay (86705852) **6.00** Tarzan (86702865) **6.30** Dinosaurs (86793117) **7.00** Boy Meets World (78891730) **7.30** Thunder Alley (86782001) **8.00-10.00** FILM: The Magnificent Rebel (99967914)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Alpine Skiing (64020) **8.30** Figure Skating (36575) **10.30** Rally (38371) **11.00** Boxing (11310) **12.00** Alpine Skiing (51952) **1.00pm** Snowboarding (37372) **2.00** Snooker (4136) **2.30** Darts (31020) **3.30** Aerobics (18488) **4.30** Weightlifting (66730) **5.30** Tractor Pulling (55198) **6.30** News (3759) **7.00** Speedworld (11643) **8.30** Rally (3407) **9.00** Football (89198) **10.00** Pro Wrestling (63662) **12.00-12.30am** News (64421)

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Speed and Beauty (10989) **7.30** Racing News (17594) **8.00** Cricket. South Africa v England (1150933) **4.00** American Sports (58730) **5.00** Max Out (3020) **5.30** Surfing (7198) **6.00** Sports Centre (7339) **6.30** Tartan Extra (1391) **7.00** Southampton v Aston Villa: Football (68616223) **10.15** Sports Centre (808198) **10.30** Cricket (28484) **12.30am** Football (20792) **2.30-3.00** Sports Centre (66082)



Miranda Richardson in *Tom and Viv* (Sky Movies, 8.00pm)

SKY SPORTS GOLD
10.00pm Cricket Hall of Fame (5484488) **10.30** Bobby Charlton (8731469) **12.00-1.00am** Golf (4130334)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL
4.00am Living Word **5.00** Kenneth Copeland **5.30** Kidz TV **5.45** General Christian Entertainment **6.15** Ulf Ekman **6.45-7.00** Christian Music Television

SKY SOAP
7.00am Guiding Light (1369846) **7.55** As the World Turns (8601136) **8.50** Peyton Place (2582665) **9.20** Days of Our Lives (2187827) **10.10-11.00** Another World (1977198)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL
4.00pm Our Century Special (2460136) **5.00** History Alive Special (6112020) **6.00-7.00** Biography (1422681)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL
7.00pm Mysteries, Magic and Miracles (6120049) **7.30** Ray Bradbury (6771759) **8.00-10.00** FILM: Def Con 4 (9741662)

TLC
9.00am Painting (8182914) **9.30** Martha Stewart (2922575) **10.00** Our House (4925730) **10.30** Get Well Soon (8168198) **11.00** Only Human (2549881) **11.45** Draw With Don (25001865) **12.00** Psychology (8102778) **12.30pm** Jimmy's (2926391) **1.00** Martha Stewart (5580339) **1.30** Painting (2925662) **2.00** Healing (6390001) **2.45** Draw With Don (1061407) **3.00** Gardens (7311339) **3.30-4.00** Our House (8201339)

UK GOLD
7.00am Five Children and It (5550198) **7.30** Neighbours (5562933) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (8101049) **8.30** EastEnders (8193020) **9.00** The Bill (6184372) **9.30** The Sullivans (2924933) **10.00** Secret Army (5568117) **11.00** Dallas (5571681) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (8104136) **12.30pm** Neighbours (2935049) **1.00** EastEnders (5559469) **1.30** The Bill (2927020) **2.00** The Sullivans (63871662) **2.25** Are You Being Served? (6157488) **3.00** Angels (7380469) **3.30** Eldorado (6270469) **4.00** Casualty (19605285) **5.05** Every Second Counts (4583488) **5.45** Dad's Army (9010285) **6.25** EastEnders (8398198) **7.00** Eldorado (7305778) **7.30** Taxi (6289117) **8.00** George and Mildred (7381198) **8.30** Alas Smith and Jones (7393933) **9.00** Capital City (4328339) **10.00** The Bill (6442759) **10.35** Dad's Army (8700310) **11.15** KYTV (6367020) **11.50** Dr Who (5109136) **12.20am** FILM: Second Chance (23245808) **1.50** Shopping at Night

TCC
6.00am Casper (52730) **7.00** The New Pink Panther Show (21372) **7.30** Ready or Not (40407) **8.00** Sweet Valley High (62594) **8.30** Casper (3371440) **8.45** Dinobabies (3309223) **9.00** Tiny TCC (618858) **12.00** Tiny TCC (252598) **2.30pm** Happily Ever After (1310) **3.00** Sonic (1925) **3.30** New Pink Panther (5317) **4.00** California Dreams (2562) **4.30-5.00** Sweet Valley High (8846)

NICKELODEON
6.00am Garbage Pail Kids (7474372) **6.15** Grimmy (7479827) **6.30** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (83049) **7.00** Batfink (9820862) **7.05** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (1272575) **7.45** Rugrats (6827301) **8.15** Doug (764862) **8.45** The Ferals (9137827) **9.00** Nick Junior (9582339) **12.30pm** Aaah! Real Monsters (45391) **1.00** Clarissa (95372) **1.30** Mighty Max (44662) **2.00** Speed Racer (4010) **2.30** Galaxy High School (7962) **3.00** Count Duckula (6117) **3.30** Littlest Pet Shop (6469) **4.00** Hero Turtles (8204) **4.30** Rugrats (4488) **5.00** Clarissa (1662) **5.30** Wishbone (8440) **6.00** Doug (8681) **6.30** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (9933) **7.00** Ferris Bueller (8198) **7.30-8.00** Sister Sister (5117)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm The Global Family (6280846) **4.30** Earthfile (8279730) **5.00** Lonely Planet (7395391) **6.00** Invention (6290223) **6.30** Beyond 2000 (8184662) **7.30** Frontline (6287759) **8.00** Untamed Africa (4306117) **9.00** Seven Wonders of the World (4319681) **10.00** Best of British Wings (4389440) **11.00** Mysteries, Magic and Miracles (6622285) **11.30-12.00** Wars in Peace (4921914)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: Jack the Ripper (Quartette) (4932020) **2.00** The Saint (4920285) **3.00** Scotland Yard (7308865) **3.30** Man from Interpol (6298865) **4.00** FILM: The Lavender Hill Mob (1288117) **5.30** Honey West (6297136) **6.00** Death Valley Days (6294049) **6.30** Man in a Suitcase **7.30** The Protectors (6274285) **8.00** The Saint (4393643) **9.00** Jason King (4313407) **10.00-12.00** FILM: Never on Sunday (6638846)

UK LIVING
6.00am Agony Hour (7375223) **7.00** Living Magazine (8067551) **9.00** All Wall and Good (4824484) **9.30** Kate and Allie (7028914) **10.00** Hearts of Gold (3018778) **10.55** Entertainment Now! (33817389) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (8035759) **11.55** Masterchef (2194310) **12.30pm** Brookside (9296807) **1.05** Kilroy (6273204) **2.00** Agony Hour (6153907) **3.00** Living Magazine (6941285) **4.00** Infatuation UK (4100730) **4.30** Crosswits (8829407) **5.05** The Joker's Wild (75673759) **5.30** Bewitched (4120594) **6.00** Esther (4127407) **6.30** Brookside (5572846) **7.05** Infatuation (5380778) **7.35** The Joker's Wild (9483827) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (8490827) **9.00** FILM: Johnnie Mae Gibson (8493914) **11.00-12.00** Dangerous Women (6962907)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm The Wonder Years (5020) **5.30** Tintin (9198) **6.00** Batman (9339) **6.30** Catchphrase (3391) **7.00** Through the Keyhole (2556) **7.30** The Fall Guy (53440) **8.30** Home to Roost (1169) **9.00** The Mixer (21198) **10.00** All Clued Up (66310) **10.30** Neon Rider (46876) **11.30** Batman (14594) **12.00** The Fall Guy (51518) **1.00am** Zorro (67228) **1.30** Rhoda (93131) **2.00** Neon Rider (27860) **3.00** Rhoda (70792) **3.30** Zorro (79570) **4.00** The Wonder Years (90063) **4.30-5.00** The Black Stallion (71421)

MTV
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DTI set to rule on PowerGen and NatPower bids


Lang: decision imminent

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

A DECISION by Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, over whether PowerGen's £1.95 billion bid for Midlands Electricity and National Power's £2.8 billion offer for Southern Electric should proceed without a reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission is expected shortly, possibly within days.

It is understood that John Bridgeman, Director-General of the Office of Fair Trading, forwarded his recommendations regarding the two takeover bids to Mr Lang towards the end of last week. Professor Stephen Littlechild, Director-General of Offer, is widely believed to be opposed to both deals and communicated his views to the Office of Fair Trading earlier this month.

The DTI confirmed yesterday that Mr Lang had received the DTI's recommendations but was unable to comment on the timing of any statement. City analysts believe that Mr Lang's announcement is unlikely to coincide with the Budget, due on November 28, and may, therefore, be made later this week.

Although the City is uncertain as to Mr Brigdeman's perspective, it does not expect Mr Lang to frustrate the two bids, particularly in view of the fact that the Government has already waved through a series of takeovers in the electricity sector, including Hanson's £2.5 billion bid for Eastern Group.

Although Mr Lang may choose to refer the bids to the Monopolies & Mergers Commission it is thought that such a decision would seriously hamper the Government's ambitions to privatise British Energy, the nuclear power holding company, before the next general election.

Professor Littlechild has already argued that consumers' interests may not be best served if PowerGen's and NatPower's bids are allowed to proceed without certain safeguards. Both bids involve the acquisition of a Rec by a generating company, but a recent precedent was established when Scottish Power was permited to acquire Manweb.

City analysts also argue that PowerGen has already sought to fend off criticism by the revelation with last week's interim results that it has agreed terms of a £450 million disposal of two coal-fired power stations to Hanson's Eastern Group.

Although both PowerGen and NatPower have given undertakings to Professor Littlechild that they will sell certain power stations by the end of 1995, NatPower is not expected to complete its disposal plans before next March. Given this delay, Mr Lang may attach conditions to any approval he may give to NatPower's current bid for Southern Electric.

The frenetic pace of mergers within the utilities sector has stirred up heated political and consumer debate. Jack Cunningham, Labour trade and industry spokesman, urged last month that the MMC "must be used to safeguard the national and consumer interest. If not, a Labour Government will make a retrospective reference."

The National Consumer Council said that "the case for each electricity bid to be referred to the MMC becomes every more pressing as takeover frenzy gathers momentum".

Price set for ENI shares offering

BY COLIN NARBROUGH WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

LAMBERTO DINI, the Italian Prime Minister, has thrown his full weight behind the privatisation of ENI, the eighth largest oil and gas group in the world, whose sale starts tomorrow.

The first tranche of the huge industrial group is set to raise at least 6,300 billion lire (£2.8 billion).

On immediate offer is 15 per cent of the company, but there is a "green shoe" facility which will allow this to be increased to 17.25 per cent of the equity. This represents the largest share offer to date by a European company, taking into account that purchases will involve a single payment, rather than instalments. ENI's offer for sale price was set over the weekend at L5,250 a share, at the bottom end of the guideline range.

Signor Dini, determined to force Italy's privatisation programme back on track after a series of political and financial setbacks, said in Rome on Saturday: "We decided not to push the price because we want it to be a success."

Reducing the Government's huge deficits is a central aspect of Mr Dini's policy and is integral to Italy's approach towards European economic integration.

With the privatisation of Enel, the power utility, and Stet, the communications holdings group, scheduled for next year, a successful flotation of ENI is perceived as crucial. The group, whose subsidiaries include Enichem, Italy's leading chemicals company, and Agip, the oil and gas exploration and production company, achieved a net profit of L3,200 billion last year on sales of L50,700 billion.

ENI has been dogged in recent years by corruption scandals. Gabriele Cagliari, the former chairman, committed suicide in jail in 1993. Enrico Mattei, the effective founder of the modern company, died in an air crash in 1962, in what many people still regard as suspicious circumstances.

Share trading is due to commence in Milan, London and New York on November 28. Between 25 and 50 per cent is earmarked for Italian retail investors, but any European Union citizen with an Italian bank account can buy shares.

Crisis talks at C&W to heal rift

BY SARAH BAGNALL

A series of high-level emergency meetings will take place at Cable and Wireless today in a bid to resolve a leadership crisis.

The emergence of a damaging rift between Lord Young of Graffham, executive chairman, and James Ross, chief executive, has forced the company's non-executive directors to convene in London to try to reach a compromise between the two parties.

One senior C&W director told *The Times*: "In theory, the combination of David Young and James Ross is a dream ticket for C&W. David is well connected, influential and energetic while James is a strong, disciplined manager who can deliver. The problem is there is no clear single point of authority and that is confusing and damaging for the group." A source close to the company agreed: "The difficulty is that with an executive chairman and a chief executive it has never been clear which one is in control."

At 10.30am today many of C&W's five non-executive directors, lead by Win Bischoff, the influential chairman of Schroders, the merchant banking group, will meet with four executive directors. Ulrich Hartmann, chairman of Veba, the German telecoms group, which is C&W's largest shareholder with a 10.5 per cent stake, is expected to miss the meeting but is flying over in time for a gathering later today of all the non-executive directors. It is hoped by the non-executives that this second meeting will produce a resolution to the crisis.

C&W is at a cross-roads in its history but is seen by institutions to have an inappropriate management structure and a lack of clarity over strategic direction. According to Mr Ross's supporters, the problem is that Lord Young tends to deviate from the board's agreed strategy of concentrating on developing C&W's presence in Europe, Asia and America. But Lord Young, a former cabinet minister, has struck small deals in places such as Latvia, Israel and Kazakhstan.

The confusing message this sends to investors and middle management is evidenced by a recent survey of the company's top 400 managers. This found that 90 per cent said C&W did not have a clear strategy. A C&W executive director said: "It is this lack of clarity of the implementation of the strategy we have all agreed which has been nobbling us. If he is to continue as chairman, David has to stop interfering with the day-to-day management."

In a bid to head off the crisis, the company announced last week that Lord Young was to retire on his 65th birthday in February 1997. What was not disclosed was the fact that the non-executives had informed Mr Ross that his departure would precede that of Lord Young. This outcome was considered unworkable by Mr Ross, who requested the non-executives to find an alternative plan.

One source said he thought the outcome was unlikely to be the departure of Lord Young as his loss would be too damaging. "Lord Young is an opener of doors, politically well connected and adept and has the stature and status to get C&W into places it would not have without him."

While the immediate departure of Mr Ross is not ruled out, it is thought less likely than another compromise. One possible outcome is that Lord Young takes more of a back seat by moving to non-executive status.

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Happier days: James Ross, chief executive, left, with Lord Young before the public rift emerged

Pension trustees told to use vote

BY ROBERT MILLER

THE powerful National Association of Pension Funds (NAPF), whose members are responsible for £300 billion of assets, has called on pension fund trustees to vote on all issues at company meetings.

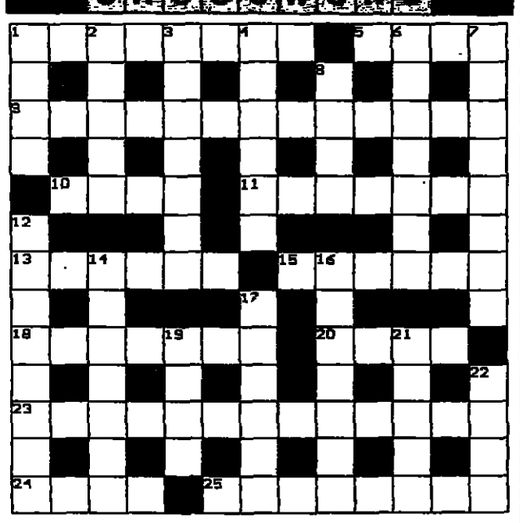
In a briefing published today, the NAPF tells its members that voting is not only a shareholder's responsibility but also an opportunity to improve corporate governance. Institutional shareholders have been criticised for not exercising their voting rights to veto controversial issues such as three-year rolling contracts for directors and lucrative executive share option schemes that have aroused such public and parliamentary anger.

Ann Robinson, Director-General of the NAPF, whose members provide occupational pension schemes for seven million employees, said: "Pension funds own more than a third of the ordinary shares in UK quoted companies. Many major investing institutions are now showing a voluntary commitment to the concept of regular voting, but more needs to be done."

The NAPF's new guidelines are not compulsory on the grounds that such a move would be "unlikely to result in responsible voting".

Annual and extraordinary meetings, such as those of British Gas and WPP, have proved to be battlegrounds over executive salaries, pensions and share option packages. Often the most vocal opponents have been private shareholders who are easily outvoted by the major institutions.

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ACROSS
1 Kipling's *better man than I am* (5,3)
5 Of smaller quantity (4)
9 For ages past (4,3,2,4)
10 Join as one (4)
11 Tonic; (speech) setting tone (7)
13 Fighting bodies (6)
15 Cry of pig; inform (on) (6)
18 William —, Bible translator (7)
20 European mountain range (4)
23 To pontificate (3,4,3,3)
24 Soap bubbles (4)
25 Best clothes (4,4)

DOWN
1 Pluck; burns out (interior) (4)
2 "— is an Island" (*Donne*) (2,3)
3 One of Christ's chosen twelve (7)
4 Those admitted together (6)
6 Part of serial (7)
7 Without warning (8)
8 Dubious, chancy (4)
12 A sea-mollusc; Capt Nemo's submarine (8)
14 Wealthy (7)
16 Overturned (conviction) (7)
17 Doghouse (6)
19 Eagerly expectant (4)
21 A dance; sort of dot (5)
22 It used to be (poet.) (4)

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Pay protest is looming

Vauxhall offer facing rejection

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

VAUXHALL car workers are expected to vote today for industrial action over pay as a new independent report claims that wage settlements are bunching at 3 to 4 per cent — well below the pay offer already rejected by leaders of Ford's 22,000 manual workers.

Leaders of the main unions in the motor industry are expected to announce today that Vauxhall manual workers have voted substantially for industrial action against the company's two-year pay offer.

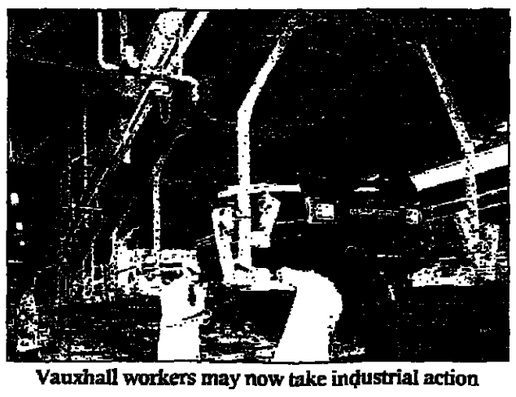
The unions are likely to press Vauxhall for more talks, particularly because its offer is worth less than the Ford offer already rejected by the unions. The TGWU transport union and AEEU engineering union are expected to try to use both sets of talks to press the two companies into similar deals.

Ford union leaders will meet plant officials this week before talks with the company following their rejection last week of a 9.75 per cent two-year pay and conditions package. Ford's offer, which the company says is final, led immediately to unofficial strikes at its Dagenham and Southampton car and van assembly plants.

Leaders of Ford's unions are expected to urge the company at this week's renewed talks for some movement on working time. As part of their claim for a 10 per cent pay rise, the company's unions are seeking a cut in the working week from 39 hours to 37.

Both Ford and Vauxhall will emphasise that their offers are well above inflation.

A pay report today from Incomes Data Services, the independent wage analyst, is likely to be cited by Ford and Vauxhall. IDS says that settlements are bunching in a narrower range of 3 to 4 per cent this autumn, after a wider range earlier this year.


Vauxhall workers may now take industrial action

Labour 'no longer feared'

City investors in UK property no longer fear a Labour government according to a survey commissioned by English & Overseas Properties.

Not one of the 50 respondents said they thought a Labour government would be worse than a Conservative government for property, 26 per cent believe it would be better and 74 per cent thought it would make no difference.

Barings fund

BARINGS's asset management arm today becomes the second City house after GT to launch an Africa fund within a matter of days.

The Barings Simba fund, which will have warrants attached and will be listed on the London Stock Exchange, is to be capped at $100 million.

Tax warning

Ministers should radically simplify the tax system before proceeding with self assessment for nine million taxpayers, Ernst & Young, accountants, says today.

The firm argues in a report that the tax system has become more complex in successive Budgets, reversing an earlier trend.

It accuses the Inland Revenue of being "more concerned with perceived avoidance and meeting its government-set timescale than in genuine two-way consultation".

Deal brewing

Pubmaster, a UK independent pub operator, is buying ten pubs from Whitbread, lifting its estate to more than 1,700. The deal follows last month's £12 million purchase of 137 pubs from Whitbread.

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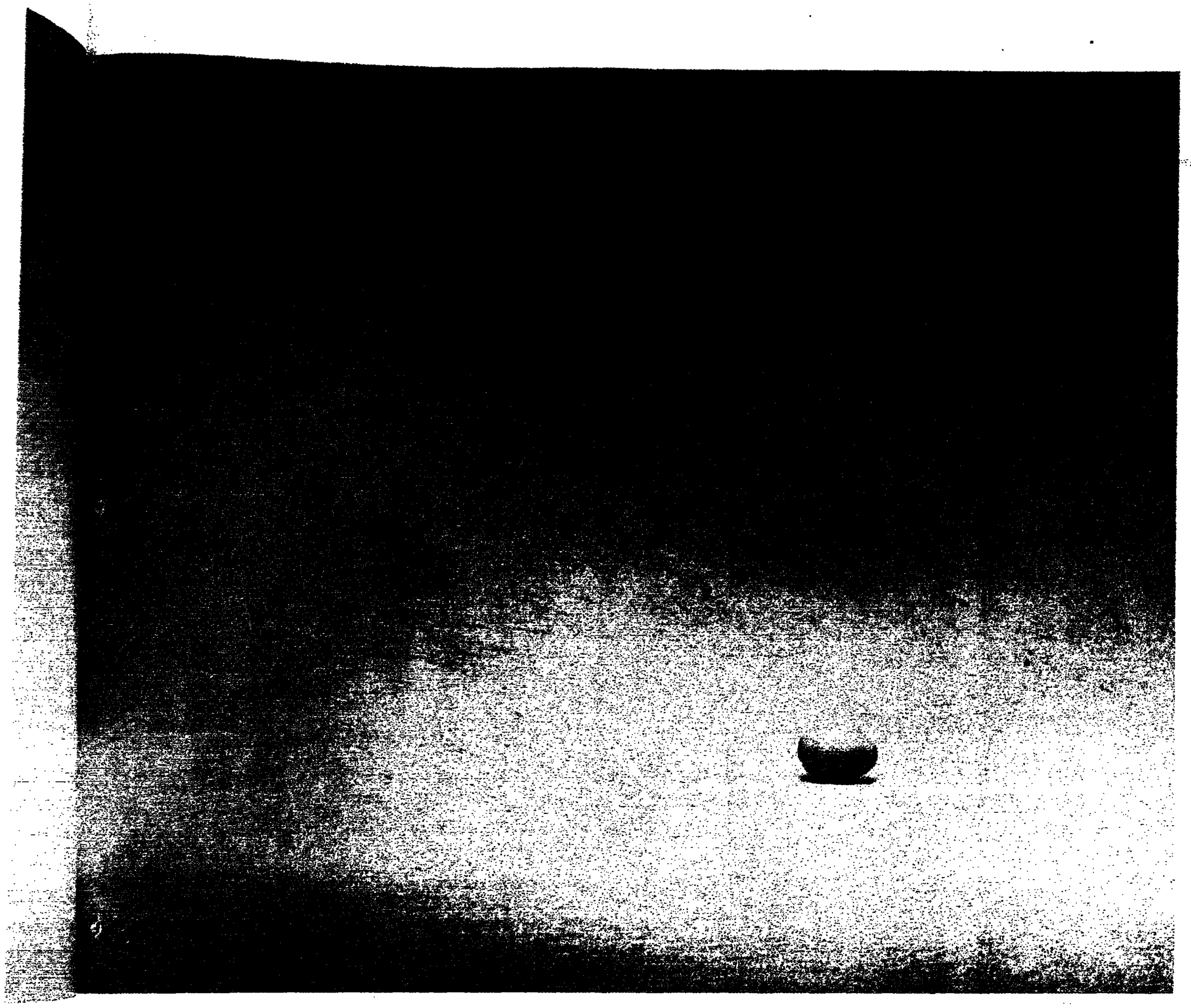
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Oxford's Museum of Modern Art devotes a show to the veteran sculptor Louise Bourgeois

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JAZZ

Hey there, Georgie boy: the indestructible Mr Fame comes to Ronnie Scott's

OPENS: Tomorrow
REVIEW: Thursday



MUSICALS

See Loesser in Leicester: the Haymarket stages *Guys and Dolls* for Christmas

OPENS: Tonight
REVIEW: Wednesday



MUSIC

Rostropovich conducts British debuts for two child prodigies at the Barbican

CONCERTS: Wed, Thurs
REVIEW: Saturday

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

ELSEWHERE

LEEDS: English National Ballet takes to the stage for all the family fun and magic of *Alice in Wonderland*, complete with a flying house and a corps de ballet that has been turned into a pack of cards. Later in the week, Ben Stevenson and Desmond Heeley's suitably sparkling production of *The Nutcracker* returns.
Grand, New Briggate (0113-245 9351/440971). Tonight-Tue, Thurs-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Tue, 2pm and Sat, 2.30pm. Next in **Southampton**, Mayflower (01703 711811).

LIVERPOOL: A host of jazz luminaries duet with Katie Labèque on her new album *Little Girl Blue*, making a persuasive case for the classical/jazz crossover. She teams up with sister Marielle for another tour of virtuoso piano cocktails, with Cuban pianist Gonzalo Rubalcaba as their special guest.
Philharmonic (0151-709 3789), tonight, 7.30pm; then **Cambridge**, Corn Exchange (01223 357851), Tues, **Belfast** Festival (01232 665577), Wed; **Birmingham**, Town Hall (0121-605 6666), Thurs; **London**, Festival Hall (0171-960 4242), Fri.

LEICESTER: Opening night for Paul Kerryson, Britain's "man of the musical", directing Frank Loesser's song-packed *Guys and Dolls* for this year's Christmas show.
Haymarket, Belgrave Gate (0116-253 9797). Tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Fri, 7.30pm; Sat, 6pm; mat Sat, 4.30pm.

POOLE: Sue Pomeroy's Good Company continues its tour of *Pride and Prejudice*: Jean Boht plays Mrs Bennet, Jonathan Newth her long-suffering husband, and Lucy Akhurst and George Asprey take on Elizabeth and Darcy.
Towngate, Kingland Road (01202 685 222). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Dora Carrington (0171-638 4141) . . . **British Museum:** Westminster Kings and the Medieval Palace of Westminster (0171-636 1555) . . . **Hayward:** Art and Power: Europe under the dictators 1930-1945 (0171-928 3144) . . . **National Portrait Gallery:** Richard and Maria Cosway (0171-306 0055) . . . **Royal Academy:** David Hockney Drawing Retrospective (0171-439 7438) . . . **Tate:** Dynasties: Paintings in Tudor and Jacobean England (0171-887 8000) . . . **V & A:** Walker Evans: photos of African sculpture (0171-938 8500)

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ISSY VAN RANDWYCK: West End stage performer and one-time member of the Fascinating Aida trio, Van Randwyck sweeps into Knightsbridge with an eclectic new cabaret show featuring songs by Sondheim, Gershwin and Kurt Weill.
Pizza on the Park, Knightsbridge, SW1 (0171-235 5273). Tonight-Sat, 9.15 and 11.15pm.

ST CECILIA'S DAY: The patron saint of music and musicians' day may be on Wednesday, but a 311-year-old tradition of celebrating in Stationers' Hall is being revived with a St Cecilia'tide Festival of Music. It opened yesterday, and continues until Thursday with Joshua Rifkin and his Bach Ensemble, pianist John Lill's recital of Beethoven sonatas, the Lindsay Quartet and the remarkable jazz pianist Julian Joseph.
Stationers' Hall, Ave Maria Lane (0171-589 2425). All at 7pm.

LAST CHANCE TO SEE: An assortment of top-knotch theatre productions come to an end this week, ranging from Naomi Wallace's plague-stricken London, to Jonathan Harvey's twenty-something emotional turmoil, David Hare's gripping up-to-the-minute social drama, and Dennis Potter's story of the life of Christ, religious rebel
Bush (0181-743 3388), **Donmar Warehouse** (0171-369 1732), **National** (Cottesloe) (0171-928 2252), **Pit, Barbican** (0171-638 8891).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◧ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **FUNNY MONEY:** Ray Cooney plays the man who finds a bag of bank-notes in his latest farce, *Charlie Drake* excellent as a sorely-tried taxi-driver
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (0171-839 4401) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

☐ **HOBSON'S CHOICE.** *Leo McKern* in the title role of Harold Brighouse's warm-hearted comedy. Nichola McAuliffe and Graham Turner excellent as daughter and son-in-law.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Ave, W1 (0171-494 5045). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; Sat, 3pm.

☐ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS** Stephen Daldry's powerful production, with Nicholas Woodeson as the all-knowing Inspector, and Edward Peel and Susan Engel as the pillars of society
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm; Sat, 8.15pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5pm.

☐ **JOLSON:** The highs and lows of the singer with with a monster ego. Brian Conley belts out the songs enjoyably and Sally Ann Triplett is an impressive Ruby Keeler.
Victoria Palace, Victoria Street, SW1 (0171-834 1317). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **THE JUNGLE BOOK.** Tim Supple directs his adaptation of three of Kipling's Mowgli stories for the Christmas season.
Young Vic, The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 6363) Now previewing, opens Dec 5, 7pm. Ring box office for schedule.

LONG RUNNERS

■ **Buddy:** Strand (0171-930 8800) . . ◧ **Communicating Doors:** Gielgud (0171-494 5530) . . ☐ **Dead Guilty:** Apollo (0171-494 5070) . . ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Albery (0171-369 1730) . . . ◧ **Indian Ink:** Aldwych (0171-416 6003) . . . ◧ **Les Misérables:** Palace (0171-434 0909) ◧ **Miss Saigon:** Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) . . ◧ **Oliver!:** Palladium (0171-494 5020) . . . ◧ **Starlight Express.** Apollo Victoria (0171-828 8665) . . . ☐ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (0171-836 2238)

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

A WALK IN THE CLOUDS (PG). Vacuous 1940s romance with Keanu Reeves as a returning soldier who finds a new life in California's vineyards. Director, Alfonso Arau.
MGM Trocadero (0171-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

CURRENT

◆ **CLUELESS** (12): Frivolous fun of E and empty minds of Beverly Hills teenagers.
MGMs: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** (0171-437 1234) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **CRIMSON TIDE** (15): Antique heroics in a nuclear submarine, with Gene Hackman and Denzel Washington. Director, Tony Scott.
Barbican (0171-638 8891) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Notting Hill Coronet** (0171-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Leicester Square** (01426-915 683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

LIVING IN OBLIVION (15): Trials and tribulations of making a low-budget movie. Delicious comedy from director Tom DiCillo, with Steve Buscemi
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Panton Street** (0171-930 0631) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121)

◆ **PANTHER** (15): Hurtling, rose-tinted drama about the rise of the Black Panther movement in the 1960s..
MGM Trocadero (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** (0171-437 1234) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121)

◆ **TO DIE FOR** (15): Delicious social satire about a television weather girl's murderous lust for glory. Gus Van Sant directs Nicole Kidman and Matt Dillon.
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Frank Sinatra is 80 next month, says **Clive Davis**, and the hoo-ha has already begun

A day to be utterly Frank

When a performer of Frank Sinatra's stature reaches 80, you do more than order a cake and a large batch of candles. With just over three weeks still to go before the big day, self-styled "Frankophiles" are already avidly picking their way through a flood of celebratory books and recordings.

In New York, where the Ol' Blue Eyes version of *New York, New York* has become the unofficial anthem of Yankee Stadium, moves are afoot to illuminate the Empire State Building in blue on December 12. As big and brash as the skyscraper itself, Sinatra's legend is woven into the fabric of the century's popular music.

He is, however, a good decade older than the Empire State, which adds a poignant, valedictory note to the current festivities. Rumours of his allegedly failing mental powers have multiplied recently in the past year, and though he performed at a VIP party in Palm Springs in February, the odds against him ever returning to the concert stage grow longer by the month.

From this point, it seems, the rest of the world will have to be content with old records and the new, or newish, material still seeping out of the archives. Two new discs are released today: *Sinatra 80th — All The Best*, an amiable double album compiled from the Capitol recordings of the 1950s, and *Sinatra 80th — Live In Concert*. Some creative marketing has gone into the latter item, since the performances have been artfully spliced together from concerts dating from around 1987.

Any live Sinatra album is worth hearing, if only because there have been so few of them. Although there are a number of non-commercial discs in circulation, it was not until 1966 that he issued his first "official" live set, recorded with the Basie band in the intimate setting of the Sands Casino in Las Vegas. *The Main Event* followed in 1974, stitched together from an erratic but feisty series of shows at Madison Square Garden.

Live In Concert is more consistent in tone and presentation, but it lacks the raw passion and unpredictability of either of those earlier records; it is also burdened with too large a portion of unchallenging modern material, from *If* to *You Will Be My Music* and the overblown *Strangers in the Night*. To hear Sinatra at his most imposing you have to turn to the 11-minute *Soliloquy*, a favourite showstopper borrowed from Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Carousel*.

Another red-blooded rendition of *New York, New York* brings proceedings to a close. Only that is not quite the end. Tacked onto the record is a true oddity — *My Way* sung as a studio duet with Luciano Pavarotti, as a footnote of sorts to Sinatra's recent bestselling collections of high-tech pairings. Someone, somewhere, obviously thought it was a promising idea, but the two voices are mismatched. Only Sinatra, I think, can get away with lyrics as bold and self-aggrandising as these.

There is not much joy to be had from the other "new" duet at the tail end of *All the Best*. More technological wizardry weaves together Sinatra and Nat King Cole's vintage-era recordings of *The Christmas Song*. You have to be in an exceptionally schmaltzy mood to tolerate this ditty at the best of the times; the pitch-adjustment that seems to have been inflicted on Sinatra's voice makes this particular encounter impossible to stomach.

If the albums are a mixed affair, the new crop of Sinatra books offers some consolation. The prime contender in the coffee-table stakes is the lavish tome assembled by Sinatra's daughter, Nancy. The text of *Frank Sinatra: An American Legend* (Virgin Books, £25) does not add a great deal to Nancy's previous book, nor to our knowledge of the man himself. Sections of it are not much more than lengthy extracts from Sinatra's appointments diary: if you want to know the exact date on which he attended the opening day of the 1981 baseball season, turn to page 273.

Pictorially, though, the book is a delight, a compelling mixture of private snapshots and publicity material documenting a unique 60-year career. Nobody would expect a daughter's account to be wholly objective, yet she does make an effort to confront some of the less salubrious rumours about her father's private life. In that respect her book is a welcome corrective to Kitty Kelley's sleazy 1986 bestseller, *His Way*, which ignored the art in favour of the scandal — all in all, about as pointless as writing a book on Orson Welles and mentioning only his sherry commercials and his failed diets.

From the musical point of view, the British critic Stan Britt scores well with another glossy production, *Sinatra: A Celebration* (Hamlyn, £16.99). While not as handsome as Nancy's contribution, it contains unusually even-handed analysis of the Capitol and Reprise eras and a snappy summary of Sinatra's distinguished — and underrated — career in films.

For all that, it is difficult to see any book ever outstripping the long-awaited biography by the American music writer Will Friedwald, the author of what has become the standard work on jazz singing, *Sinatra! — The Song is You* (Scribner, $30) disregards the gossip column trimmings and zeroes in on the music. Based on some 200 interviews, this exhaustive, 550-page study puts the songs, the musicians and the great arrangers, led by Nelson Riddle and Billy May, firmly at centre-stage.

Having worked on a number of Sinatra reissues — notably the recent Columbia and Dorsey box sets — Friedwald can be expected to know the music inside out. His uncomplimentary view of post-1950s popular music — "kiddie pop" as he calls it — will strike some readers as harsh, and one or two of his assessments of the Capitol records, in particular, verge on the hyperbolic. But by and large Friedwald offers an extraordinarily detailed and balanced account of a great American artist.

And if you do not agree with his opinions, you can always take up arms against him in cyberspace: the model of a modern biographer, he is one of several hundred members of a year-old Sinatra discussion and research section on the Internet.



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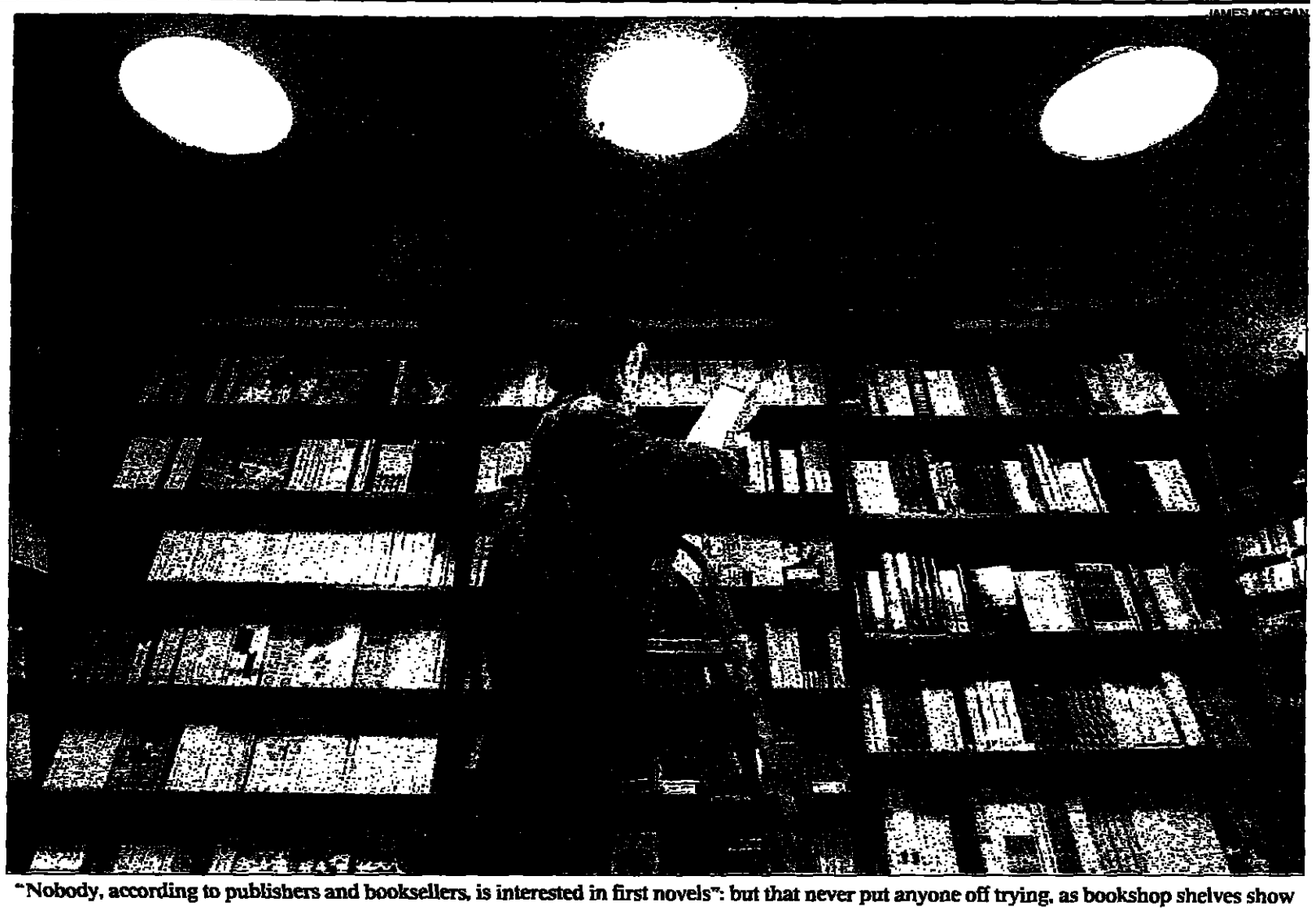
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"Nobody, according to publishers and booksellers, is interested in first novels": but that never put anyone off trying, as bookshop shelves show

Whitbread judge **Rachel Cusk** discusses the shortlist for this year's First Novel Award

How accurate a barometer of our times is the annual crop of first novels? If the air of distracted tolerance with which the literary community likes to receive its novitiates is anything to go by, not very. First novels are solipsistic, excitable, self-regarding: a child's party trick, an autobiography in fancy dress. Nobody, according to publishers and booksellers, is interested in first novels, aside from the novelists' friends and possibly their mothers. Even a very good one is rarely attributed with more merit than a clever opening gambit.

Should a writer be talented enough to produce a first novel similar to a better-known and preferably bestselling writer's books, then they can tag along, possibly with an endorsement from their "mentor" on the jacket; even if the similarity amounts to no more than that of age, race, gender or postcode.

All this would seem to suggest that there is no worse crime a first novelist can commit than originality. It also suggests that we are unadventurous readers; that, like children in restaurants, we won't try anything new. The unknown arouses more suspicion than excitement in the literary world, and this is a shame because first novelists occupy a rare place in literature: outside it. Who better to tell us how the world is than those who live there? There comes a point in many writers' lives when this boundary grows alarmingly and surprisingly blurred; when, while one part of the brain writes the book, the other writes the review; when writing about writing begins to look like a good idea: when the readers appear to be in the next room, as trapping and maddening as a squalling baby.

The self-delight of the first novelist, the first-love enthusiasm with which they dance for their audience, could and should exert the same fascination that novelty commands in the rest of our lives. Until the time comes, however, when we all rush out to buy the latest first novel, as we would the latest domestic appliance, the Whitbread First Novel Award will remain the first novelist's lifejacket on the high seas of cultural indifference.

Hilary Mantel, Jason Cowley of the *Bookseller*, and I were this year's judges. Unlike the Booker Prize, where the judges are subjected to a form of literary aversion therapy by being forced to read every submission, we Whitbreaders are each sent a civilised third of a vetted list from which to choose two or three. My identification of literary trends must, then, be conducted from a sample, in the spirit of a MORI poll.

It is one of the advantages of our century that childhood and adolescence now possess a language all their own, and can be freely explored: not only as a narrative device, but as an emotional and psychological realm. This, along with a curious preponderance of astronauts — usually occurring simultaneously — was a recurrent theme in my batch, and many of the best examples of it focused on the relationship between young boys and their mothers. Stephen Jacobi's *Going Naked is the Best Disguise* and Stephen Blanchard's witty and poetic *Gagarin and I* are two excellent novels on this subject.

Scottish writing, that capacious pigeonhole, grows apace, and if young Scottish writers can escape the overarching presence of Irvine Welsh — and their publishers permit them to adopt a more freestanding position — they should find their own limelight soon enough. Alan Warner's *Morvern Callar* is surely one of the best novels of the year: the first 50 or so pages, describing the life of a young girl in a dilapidated port town in Scotland, are innovative and brilliant. Slightly further south, in Yorkshire, is Kate Atkinson, whom we all felt to be a great and exciting discovery. *Behind the Scenes at the Museum* is an epic comic novel, unusual in that it is a female history of the century masquerading as a satirical family saga.

I was surprised by how few of the novels came from very young writers; and how few, too, were by women. Tania Glyde possesses both attributes, and her *Clever Girl* is an ingenious form of revenge against them. Many reviewers apparently found this novel insufferably nasty, which I believe is a compliment.

Samuel Lock, neither young nor female, but very funny, was another of my favourites. With *As Luck Would Have It*, he appears to have achieved what Flaubert only dreamt of: a book about absolutely nothing. The novel is, really, a joke: but it's a very good one.

Tormented by choice, we drew up our shortlist: Atkinson's *Behind the Scenes at the Museum*; Blanchard's *Gagarin and I*; and Warner's *Morvern Callar*. All of these novels deserve to be read; all of them tell us new things about the world; all of them, in however small a way, advance the craft they practise.

● *The five Whitbread Award winners will be named on Jan 4. The Whitbread Book of the Year will be announced on Jan 23*

OPERA: **Richard Morrison** on the Barbican's Purcell tercentenary events

The difference a conductor makes

Backstage in every concert hall this year should have hung the warning notice: "Politeness Paralyses Purcell". Why? Well, the Friday and Saturday concerts in the Barbican's Purcell Weekend were not essentially different in format. Each presented a Purcell semi-opera with linking narration. Nor did they differ vastly in technical quality, for the Academy of Ancient Music (which did *The Indian Queen* on Friday) draws its players and singers from the same pool of accomplished period musicians as The Sixteen (which did *The Fairy Queen* on Saturday).

And yet the two evenings were remarkably different in atmosphere. The drama gripped in Harry Christophers's interpretation on Saturday, whereas Christopher Hogwood's Friday effort was neat, nice... and crashingly dull. Neither the skips and twirls of the New York Baroque Dance Company, nor the ebullient emoting of Simon Russell Beale, reading Roger Savage's narration, could pump much spirit into this *Indian Queen*.

True, there was one sublime moment, when the soprano Catherine Bott delivered *They tell us that your mighty powers* with rapturous delicacy. And in *Come, Ye Sons Of Art*, the two countertenors, James Bowman and Robin Blaze, duetted stylishly in *Sound the trumpet*. But David Thomas's singing was relaxed to the point of coma; if Hogwood had really wanted the majestic *These are the sacred charms* to be crooned, he should have brought in Tony Bennett.

The joy of Christophers's *Fairy Queen* was that the conductor was alive to every instrumental felicity, every opportunity for nuance. With a phalanx of inventive continuo players, and with a stunning duo of recorders trilling and chirping on stage and off, the orchestral sound was a delight all night.

But so, too, were the vocal soloists. Lynda Russell summoned immaculate control for *The Plaint*; Richard Suart called on every funny walk in his repertoire to make the Drunken Poet slightly more amusing than usual; countertenor Michael Chance was grace personified; and there was much to admire from Paul Agnew and Simon Birchall.

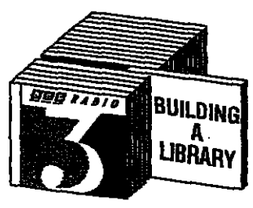
Perhaps Jeremy Sams's script, spoken with zest by Penny Downie, strove too hard for funny lines. Those who write modern narrations for Baroque semi-operas should remember the first rule of newspaper sub-editors: cut the first and last paragraphs and all attempts at humour. However, nearly three hours zipped along — a tribute to the way the performance was paced and shaped.

And to Purcell's genius. Bereft of anything except cursory staging, these performances put the music under scrutiny. I marvelled once again at how, in the same piece, Purcell can dart back 60 years to the lamenting style of Monteverdi, then forward 30 years to the jaunty urbanity of Handel; how he can embrace the tuneful artlessness of folksong while executing sublime shifts of harmony that still astound the ear; how he shares Mozart's ability to be childlike and profoundly moving at the same time. This anniversary year has seen "Orpheus Britannicus" triumphantly rehabilitated in our national consciousness. Now we must make sure that he never slips into neglect again.

CHOPIN'S 'FUNERAL MARCH' SONATA IN B FLAT MINOR

Our guide to the best available recordings of classical music, presented in conjunction with BBC Radio 3

CHOPIN'S PIANO SONATA NO 2 IN B FLAT MINOR
Reviewed by Stephen Plaistow



Everyone knows Chopin's *Funeral March*, even people who could not tell you it was part of his B flat minor Piano Sonata, or that it was Chopin who wrote it.

The *Funeral March* movement, the third, was written first, in 1837, and the other three followed two years later. Funeral marches (in all but name) crop up surprisingly often in his work, but perhaps the idea of building a sonata around one was inspired by Beethoven's example in his Sonata in A flat, Op 26, a work Chopin often played.

There are about 50 versions currently available and all the good ones see the *Funeral March* as the work's poetic centre, even if they have different ideas as to how slow a slow march should be. Rachmaninov's 1930 recording (RCA 09026 62533-2) is brisk and treats the dynamics very freely in the interests of "making something of" the movement, with the last part going off into the distance like a receding processional.

Many pianists have imitated him, as if feeling the need, like him, to give this page a bit of treatment. But from what we know of Chopin's playing, he would have winced. A first-hand account describes the nocturne-like trio section as "a touchstone for recognising whether the performer is a poet or merely a pianist" and says Chopin's expression "never contradicted the character of the March".

Artur Rubinstein's 1961 recording on RCA (RD 89812), slower than many in this movement, is faultless in this respect. Where others manufacture the poetry, he plucks it from the air.

Best among the old recordings is Cortot's 1933 version (EMI CZS 7 67359-2, six CDs, budget price). And if he plays wrong notes, so what? The way he uses sound as a tool for *musical* precision is an object lesson.

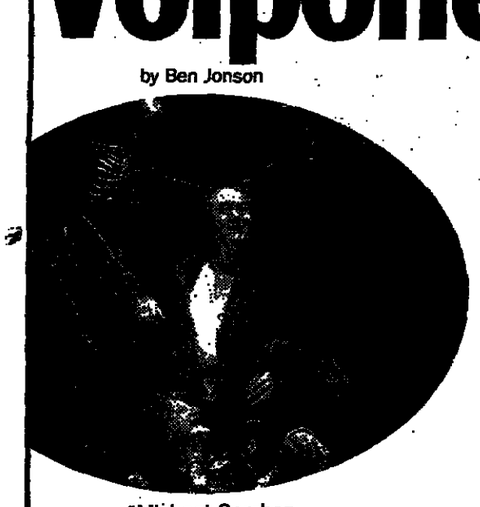
The best pianists convey the concision with which Chopin's forms fit the ideas, as well as the way a movement will sometimes appear to be picking up unfinished business from the one before.

Among the most interesting musical thinkers I count Cortot's pupil Vlado Perlemuter (Nimbus NI 5038); Murray Perahia (Sony Classical MK 76242); Maurizio Pollini (DG 415 346-2); and Mitsuko Uchida (Philips 420 949-2). They make you experience the sonata as an extraordinary span, all of a piece.

Finest of all, though, is the interpretation by **Mikhail Pletnev** (Virgin Classics VC 5 45076-2, £12.95), the Russian whose capacity for transcendental virtuosity is without peer today. The disturbing force of this Sonata — a meditation on death and nothingness? — has seldom been captured so vividly on CD.

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Warm water storm signal



THIS has been a bumper year for tropical storms. In America, the hurricane season began early, on June 2, and storms followed one another at almost weekly intervals. Officially the season doesn't finish until the end of November, but with 19 hurricanes by the end of October it was already a record.

The same applies in the Pacific, where tropical storms are called typhoons. Typhoon Angela, which caused huge destruction in the Philippines, was blowing at speeds of up to 140 mph even as its predecessor, Zack, was winding down in Vietnam. The names of the two typhoons make it clear that the meteorologists had run right through the alphabet and Angela — the 27th — meant starting again at the beginning.

Why 1995 should have been a record year while 1994 was relatively calm could have something to do with the El Niño Southern Oscillation, which appears to have come to an end after several years. While the climatic effects of man-made global warming are still speculative, those of the El Niño are undoubted.



SCIENCE BRIEFING

Nigel Hawkes

El Niño takes its name from a current that appears off Peru around Christmas, bringing bumper fish catches. Grateful fisherman named it El Niño, the baby, in honour of Christ's birth. But El Niño affects far more than the anchovy haul: in the past it has been blamed for droughts in Australia and Africa, the failure of the Indian monsoon and other extremes.

The link between El Niño and tropical storms is still speculative, but Dr John Laver of the Climate Prediction Centre of the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration points out that El Niño years usually have few hurricanes, while non-El Niño years have more of them. This is paradoxical because the distinctive signal of El Niño is the warming of surface waters in the Pacific, and tropical storms feed off warm water, only losing their power when they move inland. So the relationship is the reverse of what one might expect.

Given the huge international interest in global warming, which has yet to stick its head above the level of detectability, El Niño has been relatively neglected. This may be about to end, as scientists from 40 countries met in Washington earlier this month to endorse plans for an international research centre to study the phenomenon.

The centre, to be based in the US, would aim to refine models of El Niño and improve predictions of its effects. Jack Gibbons, President Clinton's science adviser and a co-host of the meeting, said that early predictions of a drought caused by El Niño in 1992 had helped farmers in Brazil to maintain production at near-normal levels, compared with 1987 when there was no warning and production fell by 85 per cent.

For the moment, the Climate Prediction Centre believes that El Niño anomalies have played themselves out, and will not be a major influence on winter temperatures. For the northern US that could mean a "near-normal winter, tending towards cold". Given that a lot of our weather finds its way across the Atlantic, we may face similar conditions.

Cosmic rays



THE supernova of 1006 must have been one of the most dramatic events in human history. It glowed as bright as a half moon, was visible in broad daylight, and lasted for two years before fading from view.

Now Japanese astronomers have examined the remnants of the supernova using the ASCA X-ray satellite and shown that the explosions of supernovae are the most likely cause of the cosmic rays which bombard the Earth.

Supernovae are stars that explode catastrophically. Among the material flung out are particles moving at close to the speed of light, accelerated by the shock wave of the explosion. These so-called cosmic rays were discovered when balloons were first sent high into the atmosphere more than 80 years ago.

Supernovae have long been suspects in the hunt for the source of cosmic rays. The Japanese team, reporting in *Nature*, seems to have set any doubts at rest by studying the outer limbs of the 1006 supernova, and showing that the light emitted must be produced from electrons of astonishing high energy, by the process of synchrotron emission.

If electrons of these energies can be produced, there is no reason to doubt that other particles can as well. It looks as if the great mystery of cosmic rays is well on the way to solution.

Clear view



THE best inventions satisfy needs you never thought you had. Dr Adam Heller, of the University of Texas at Austin, has designed a self-cleaning windscreen. Simply leave your car outside in the sun for a couple of hours and all those irritating traffic smears will burn off.

The windscreen incorporates a layer of tiny particles of titanium dioxide, of the kind used in transparent suncreams. The particles absorb ultraviolet light, and then act as catalysts in the destruction of any organic matter on the windscreen. The organics are broken up into simpler chemicals by the action of the sun and the catalyst, and are easily removed by the wipers.

The beauty of the invention is that it asks nothing of the car driver, but there are some snags. The difficult part is getting the titanium dioxide to stick to the windscreen without being inactivated by sodium ions from the glass. *Chemistry in Britain* reports that it can be done by pickling the glass for half an hour in sulphuric acid at 500C, but Dr Heller speculates that it might be easier to do it as part of the production process.

There is also a risk of increased reflection from the screen, but that could be avoided by incorporating a polarising film. The idea is not as mad as it sounds: a Japanese company, Toto, already makes photocatalytic tiles for hospitals which kill any bacteria landing on the tile surface.

Dogs on the scent of rescue and recovery

Chemicals can harness the canine sense of smell for man's benefit, says **Quentin Letts**

What could be more terrifying than to be trapped for days in total darkness under thousands of tons of rubble after an earthquake? If you had the good fortune to be rescued from such a dire situation the chances are that you would owe your life to a dog, and to the handler who trained it.

A new product from an American pharmaceutical company could ease the arduous process of training these dogs for their role in hunting out human bodies, dead and alive, after accidents and natural disasters. It has developed synthetic odours which it claims replicate the smell of human bodies both when under extreme stress and when dead and decomposing. In short, the scientists have bottled the terrible scents of fear and death.

If the synthetic smells prove as effective in real emergencies as they have in trials they should make life far more bearable for dog handlers. At present, real bodies are used to train search-and-rescue dogs. Cadavers are not only expensive (the pseudo scents will cost $25 an ampoule) but also stink. Canine olfactory systems are highly sensitive, and the bottled scents, happily, cannot be detected by the human nose.

The bottled smells will also save time. To teach dogs the distinctive smell of a submerged body, for example, trainers have in the past had to use police divers. Now they will merely have to empty a capsule of the scent of a victim of drowning into a pool and introduce it to the dog.

Sigma Chemical Company already manufactures synthetic drug scents which some police dog handlers use to teach animals the smell of drugs. Its new range of smells include Pseudo Corpse, Pseudo Drowned Victim and Pseudo Distressed Body. The latter recreates the odour emitted by a human body as a result of adrenalin production and sweat in moments of anxiety and physical trauma.

For reasons of industrial confidentiality the company, based in St Louis, Missouri, will not disclose its methods. Patricia Carr, the company's director, says only that the characteristics of body smells were turned into organic formulations. Several mixtures were made and then tested with high-powered liquid chromatography. Then the potions were tried out by experienced handlers and their dogs, and the less successful mixtures were eliminated. The samples were tested in blind searches and a fair level of success was recorded.

Dr Jonathan Arden, a New York pathologist, speculates that tissue from dead bodies is used in the manufacture of the synthetic scents. "A good organic chemist would probably be able to take decayed tissues from a body and analyse the components in order to reproduce them using chemicals," he said. "You would have to start with the real thing to be able to synthesise it."

Dr Arden explained that when the body starts to decompose, digestive enzymes begin eating away at the body cells and membranes. This process is known as autolysis. "A corollary of this is that outside bacteria are able to grow in the body unchecked," he says. "Some of the by-products of digestion are organic chemicals that are volatile and become very aromatic. They have characteristic odours, tending to be quite sharp and foul. To the human nose, these smell roughly the same all the time, but they undoubtedly vary with time."

Dr Arden added that although Sigma may have found one or two chemicals that capture the essence of the putrefaction process, it is likely that in real circumstances "a multitude" of chemicals are involved, giving off different smells. "That makes me think that it might be better to use real bodies for training dogs," said Dr Arden. "They will introduce the dogs to a wider range of stimuli."

Emergency rescue trainers are not 100 per cent convinced of the efficiency of the new synthetic scents, but many already use Sigma synthetic narcotics smells to train dogs to sniff out illegal drugs. The company's narcotic scents allowed officers to stop using real drugs to train their dogs, which was beneficial since some unfortunate animals became hooked on the very drugs they were supposed to be helping to stop.

Sergeant Don Browning, dog training co-ordinator for the City of Oklahoma Police, believes the pseudo scents may have a use for young dogs. "We used Sigma's pseudo narcotic scents and found that they were useful mainly in the initial stages of a dog's training," he said. "Once we got the dogs on to actual narcotics, however, they had a hard time with the pseudos."

He is particularly interested in the "drowned victim" scent, citing the problems of re-creating the scent of a drowned body. With the other scents, however, he said that recent advances meant that towels which had once been wrapped around dead bodies could now be refrigerated and used as scent aids. Sometimes it was also possible to use teeth (acquired from the "pulled" pile of the local dentist) or human bones to train dogs.

Sergeant Browning has a pack of nine dogs, all German shepherds. His own two, Gunny and Arlo, aged four and seven respectively, were responsible for the rescue of 17 adults and the last three babies from the rubble of the Oklahoma City bomb blast. Sergeant Browning, recalling that event, has no doubt that dogs are aware that human bodies smell differently depending on their circumstance, be it length of decomposition, or, with survivors, age. "With the babies we found, the dogs seemed to become specially intense," he said, "as though they knew the survivors underneath the rubble were very young."

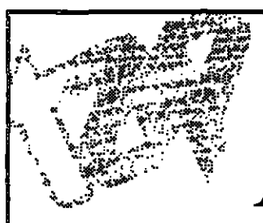








To the rescue: German shepherds, left, at the Oklahoma bomb scene: Newfoundlands, top, work in water; other dogs specialise in caves and drugs



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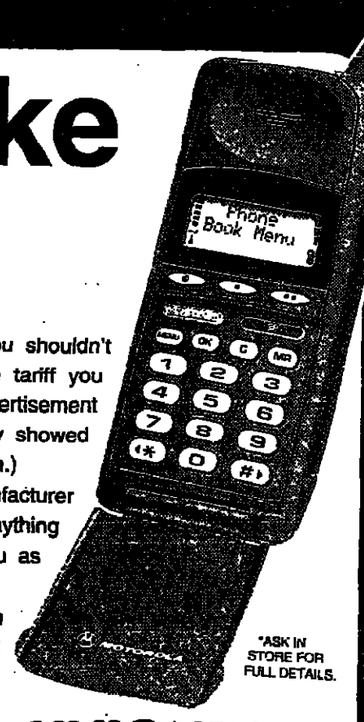
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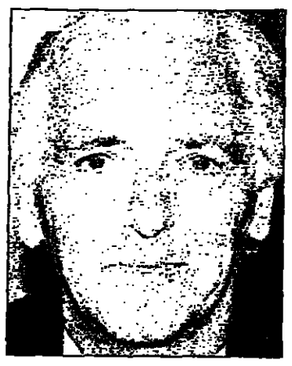
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STARTING TODAY: THE ESSENTIAL GUIDE TO YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE

How to choose the right school



John Rae, left, explains how to interpret this week's league tables and, below, *Times* writers visit three of the best

SCHOOLS WEEK IN THE TIMES

THE publication of academic league tables has probably done more to raise the standards in our schools than any number of educational theories. That is why parents welcome them even if some head teachers do not. But do the tables also help parents to select the right secondary school for their son or daughter?

When the league tables are published, heads break into a now familiar damage limitation routine: the tables are flawed and only show that schools recruiting the brightest pupils get the best results.

But A-level league tables in particular tell us much more than that. The schools at the top of the league tables are by definition good schools, not exam factories; they offer high-quality organisation, discipline and pastoral care as well as teaching. Badly-run schools will never appear high in the league tables however bright their intake.

League tables also tell parents that in some parts of the country you do not have to pay fees to guarantee your child a good education. If you live in Buckinghamshire, what is the point of paying fees when many of the state schools get significantly better A-level results than the local independent schools? The standard answer is that the latter offer a more rounded education.

League tables should encourage parents to check the local state schools, many of which have just as rich a programme of extracurricular activities, and also to look behind the independent schools publicity material. With some independent schools it is a case of "great prospectus, pity about the school".

League tables show that good state schools are not confined to one county and a glance at five years of tables shows that the number of good state schools is increasing, largely because of the development of grant maintained schools.

A closer reading of the league tables reveals less predictable information such as the surprising resilience of the better independent boarding schools. Schools such as Radley, Tonbridge and King's, Canterbury, whose first thought in recruiting is to fill beds, do as well or better than many of the urban day schools who can pick their pupils from a rich seam of talent. The achievement of the girls' boarding schools such as Wycombe Abbey, Benenden and Cheltenham Ladies College is no less striking: they, too, outperform most of the day school rivals.

The league tables do not prove that single sex schools are better than mixed or that girls do better in single sex schools. All they show is that the majority of selective academic schools are single sex.

One of the reasons parents go on paying fees when they do not need to do so is that despite league tables, it remains very difficult to judge what a school is really like. With a school in the top 50, even the top 150, parents at least know that whatever its weaknesses — and even highly-rated schools have them — it is a very professional outfit.

With schools further down the table that assumption cannot be made. Yet many of these schools would claim to be just as professional and to do just as good a job with the pupils they recruit. How can parents distinguish the wheat from the chaff?

Comprehensive schools, drawing their intake from all abilities, can never hope to reach the upper echelons of the league, but many offer superb education for their pupils.

Nor do league tables identify the schools whose special ethos may be precisely what parents are looking for. One of the best-kept secrets of the independent sector is Christ's Hospital, a good, coeducational boarding school, only just outside the top 150, where only 2 per cent are paying the full fees and the average parental income is £15,000.

MODEST A-level results may disguise centres of musical excellence, expertise in helping children with dyslexia and sporting achievements of international standard. To discover these centres of excellence there is no substitute for detailed research.

League tables, thorough research and a certain scepticism about teachers' claims, will all help parents to select the right school. Even so, choosing a school for your child will always be a gamble.

The author is a former Headmaster of Westminster School.

The best money can't buy

CHELMSFORD COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

DES JENSON



Single sex success: head teacher Bernice McCabe with two of her pupils, Kate Poulton, left, and Amy Gibson

Bernice McCabe, the Head Teacher of Chelmsford County High, is proud of the fact that girls can leave their tennis rackets lying around, without fear of theft. "It wouldn't happen in a state school," says the photographer. Mrs McCabe gives him a kindly look. "This *is* a state school," she says.

It is an easy mistake to make. Chelmsford, with its red-brick Edwardian facade, competitive house system, school motto *Vitai Lampada Ferimus* (We bear the torch of life) and dazzling exam results delivers, in Mrs McCabe's words, "the best education money can't buy".

There are ten applicants for every place at this all-girls grammar school, which regularly appears in the top ten of the *Times* survey of state school A-level and GCSE results. This summer, 26 girls out of 107 achieved three or more "A"s at A level, while nearly half the fifth form achieved eight or more "A"s at GCSE.

Virtually all pupils go on to university, around 20 a year to Oxford or Cambridge. All of which, added to the school's geographical location, make it a headline writer's dream: "Essex girls on top again"; "Essex girls come first"; "It's official: Essex girls have the best p-asses".

You are no more likely to find a fluffy-haired, white-stilletoed bimbo in the care of Mrs McCabe than to discover Dennis Skinner at a debs' ball. Girls must take three sciences at GCSE and at least one language out of French, German and Latin. Spanish and Russian are offered in the sixth form.

But Chelmsford is more than an academic hothouse. Girls are encouraged to participate in a profusion of extracurricular activities — from chess clubs to charity committees. There are 12 musical groups, formidable netball and hockey teams and flourishing drama societies. "Whenever a girl does something special like win a modelling competition, which has happened a couple of times, I announce it in assembly," says Mrs McCabe. "We want to find something every individual can excel in. The girls are used to being the brightest in their primary school when they come here and we don't want them to lose any of that confidence."

Mrs McCabe, who became head six years ago, might have stepped straight from an advertisement for a successful career woman. Elegantly suited, discreetly made up, with long, brown bobbed hair, she comes from a different planet from her mortarboarded, black-gowned predecessors whose portraits line the walls. The school's first headmistress, Mabel Harcourt, appointed in 1907, was forced to leave when she got married.

The key to Chelmsford's palpable success lies in the fact that no one seems prouder of the school than the girls themselves. There is a notable absence of adolescent cynicism. Each form appoints a press officer who informs the local papers of every sponsored swim or expedition to Zimbabwe and there are parent/pupil committees for everything from uniform to the organisation of the Christmas fair.

There is a month to go until the end of term and the junior classes are getting excited about the decorated classroom competition. Two years ago, a form transformed itself into the inside of Father Christmas, with girls dressed in red and white for his respective blood corpuscles. Meanwhile, the sixth form is fretting about their forthcoming mock A levels and Cambridge interviews. "It's hard to know how to prioritise," says Amy Gibson earnestly. "Obviously Cambridge is more important but you don't want to let yourself down for the mocks."

Amy and her fellow sixth-formers have been at Chelmsford since they were 11 and are well rehearsed in the arguments for single-sex schooling. "It's not as if we never see boys or anything," says one indignantly. "I mean, it would be different if we were an all-girl boarding school in the country. Without boys we can concentrate on our work and no one tells us not to study science," says another.

Only 30 per cent of pupils come from Chelmsford itself. Others commute from every corner of Essex, Suffolk and London. The girls can't remember anyone ever having a detention. "Occasionally the younger pupils might get a bit noisy and we might tell them to be quiet because we're trying to work," says Amy, after thinking hard for an example of disorder. "It's not the kind of school where you need to tell girls not to run down the stairs," says Kate Poulton. "They would say, 'Well, it's obvious we shouldn't do that, there's no need to tell *us*'." Mrs McCabe says she has never had a pupil reported to her for smoking.

"The best thing about the school," says Amy, "is that it's very friendly. You know everyone's face, even if you don't know their names. And it's not a major feat to find your teachers and talk to them."

JULIA LLEWELLYN SMITH

Winning a gold star for effort

ST DUNSTAN'S COLLEGE, CATFORD

Just as individual children who are not necessarily the best in their class may be singled out as "most improved pupil" — as a reward for hard work and realisation of potential — so can the principle be applied to schools themselves. The kind of scrutiny practised within schools to motivate pupils has gone macro, *Giles Coren writes.*

And nowhere has been more deserving of a gold star for effort over the last couple of years than St Dunstan's College, an independent school in Catford, southeast London. It has risen from a lowly 470th place in the A-level tables in 1993, to the top 200. Just as impressively, pupil numbers have risen from 720 to 890.

David Moore, the Headmaster, was brought in in 1993 to save a school that had been one of the best in southeast London only 20 years before, but by now languished far behind the likes of Dulwich College, Alleyn's and Whitgift.

"The school was in a bit of a mess when I took over," says Mr Moore. "It was single sex, numbers were declining and A-level results, at an average of 12 points per candidate, were not what you would expect of this type of school. In fact, forward thinking in some of the local state schools meant we were languishing behind them as well. It had a warm atmosphere and was good on sport and the arts, but it had lost its academic credibility."

Mr Moore is a classicist, a bearded, teacherly chap with a large office in a monstrous neo-Gothic schoolhouse. But when he starts on how he turned the crumbling anachronism around he comes on very 1995, very corporate.

"The governors were looking for a headmaster to propel the school into the 21st century. We had to ask ourselves what sort of school we wanted to be, how big we wanted to be, and what our priorities were. We did our market research and found that a significant number of our parents would have sent their daughters here if they had been able to."

So the school went co-ed, which involved spending £400,000 on modifications. "This emphasised that we were a family school, and gave us a local niche. Then we decided to open a pre-prep school, because the market for entry at seven was drying up."

He talks of "in-depth business analyses", of bringing in "SWAT" teams (rather than teams of swots) and of bringing in department heads from other schools, to "draw on their experience of best practice".

All this may sound like St Dunstan aspires to be an examination hothouse, but Mr Moore emphasises the importance of extracurricular activities. A new sports hall is almost complete, and the £800,000 appeal for funding was given a boost by £309,000 from the Sports Council lottery fund — "our development director put in a very well thought out application".

He paces the school grounds with great pride, pointing out new buildings and sites he plans to develop. In the main hall he slips into consultant-speak again: "We couldn't avoid the Victorian brickwork, but he were able to improve the visual impact by putting in a reception area, leather sofas and carpet."

Certainly there is a more relaxed atmosphere than in many private schools. "The thing the tables don't show is how well the less brilliant students are doing," he says. "If you look at the raw materials we have, you have to be very proud of making the top 200, and I am hoping we'll do even better in the future."

DENZIL McNEELANCE



David Moore, the head who made the difference

Comprehensive passion for doing better

SHENLEY COURT SCHOOL, BIRMINGHAM

JOHN POTTER/NEWS TEAM



Keith Dennis with sixth-former Jenney Darnborough

A handwritten sign on a wall in the reception area of Shenley Court School offers congratulations to the pupils for their 1995 GCSE results: 35 per cent, it says, got five "C"s or better. An improvement of nearly 300 per cent on the 1990 figures. The pride is genuine.

Around the vast purpose-built comprehensive, on staircases and in corridors, are posted phrases from a recent Ofsted inspection report: "Pupils themselves feel secure and valued within the school community," and "the school is successful in achieving its overall aims of valuing individuals and creating a purposeful community".

None has been torn down, none laughingly scrawled with "rubbish!", or more forceful epithets. This is a non-selective urban state school that is abuzz with progress and, if the headmaster is anything to go by, bonhomie.

"When I arrived in 1987," says Keith Dennis, "only 16 per cent were getting five "C"s or better. By 1990 it was down to 14.5. There had been a merger with another school in 1983 and a feeling of unity had not yet been achieved. Attendance figures were bad, and the buildings were a mess."

Mr Dennis puts much of the school's turnround down to Birmingham's charismatic chief education officer, Tim Brighouse, who pushed hard for school improvement and brought with him increased funding at a time when cutbacks were rampant.

"We had been struggling to improve," says Mr Dennis. "But we were measuring ourselves in the wrong way: 70 of the 300 11-year-olds who came in 1994 were 'functional non-readers'. In practical terms, they couldn't read at all. Our catchment area, although we are suburban, rates lower on the indices of deprivation than most inner-city schools — and no one argues with the fact that if you want top results you have to look to middle-class catchments. Furthermore, only a third of our youngsters are girls, who of course do better at GCSE. You go down into Worcestershire or Herefordshire and there are rural schools whose results we can never match."

But Mr Brighouse changed their thinking. "He told us our target should be to do better than our own previous best. And we thought 'anyone can do that', and things started to look up." Practical moves included the lengthening of classes from 35 minutes to 70 minutes, rationalisation of the timetable, and the introduction of vocational courses (GNVQs) for pupils who were not up to GCSEs, with the result that truants started to return. While figures have improved all round, Mr Dennis sees them as symptomatic of the school's improvement, rather than its object.

"My passion was about the huge waste in education. I failed the 11-plus myself, and didn't get into a grammar school. I got dreadful A levels, and was made to feel second-rate. But I had admired my teachers and put aside thoughts of becoming a Methodist minister to become a teacher. I wanted to shape the future, by shaping the people who would grow up in it."

It is this identification with the needs of his pupils that determines his approach to his work. "We know what the characteristics are of an effective school, but there is no quick fix. I didn't try to do everything at once. When I came in, I identified the strengths of the staff and tried to release those strengths. I also felt that the way a teacher is treated by senior management affects the way the teacher treats the youngster."

He is also big on respect. "If you can't make the individual feel valued you might as well pack up and go home. And if you don't respect the youngsters they won't respect you."

The success of Shenley Court is a story of league tables and real life working in harmony. "The important thing is your *reasons* for doing what you do. If I say to staff 'we are doing this for the league tables', or 'for Ofsted', they will not be behind me. But if I say it is the best thing for the youngsters, they will back me all the way."

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Matthew Parris



■ Personal experience tells me that few scandals in public life are quite true — or entirely false

William Deedes, the former Editor of *The Daily Telegraph*, is said once to have advised a new diary columnist that every good diary story contained "one fact, one speculation, and one *very slight* inaccuracy". Reading in the *Telegraph*'s own diary last week that I am now writing John Major's speeches, I chuckled.

This diarist had done a good job on slender but not invented evidence. I did once, many moons ago, suggest a few sentences for a speech Mr Major was writing. The story has, I suppose, lain dormant in the dark since then, and all at once sprouted into the exotic plant which blossomed last week (alongside a flattering photograph of myself, taken in youth) in *The Daily Telegraph*. The diary said I was being "coy" about the rumour, which is diary-speak for my flat denial. I intend to dine out on this one, and whenever the PM makes one of his better speeches I shall look as coy as I can contrive, and in response to suggestions that I wrote it shall murmur "well, that's not *entirely* true".

Hard on the heels of this story came one in the Londoner's Diary of the *Evening Standard*. Apparently I am the hot tip to be new Director of Communications at Conservative Central Office. As nobody who knows me would suppose for a moment that I could direct a hot-dog stall, let alone Tory communications, the rumour is fairly mysterious. *Yet not entirely*. A journalist friend, Bruce Anderson, did (he tells me) once suggest, many moons ago, that I should be approached about this job. I was not approached, would certainly have been honoured to be approached, but would have refused without need for reflection. There you are, Londoner's Diary, is that sufficiently coy?

In Derbyshire I am still dining out on a rumour that I have been seen running naked through the woods with a friend from Youlgreave. This story followed one in *Scallywag* (about which I have written in this column). Apparently I was giving drag parties in a room above the local pub, where a favourite guest was a balding middle-aged junior minister who wore high heels and liked to be called "Lucy".

These stories are harder to track to their sources, but are greatly to be encouraged as they add to the gaiety of local life. If necessary I shall have to validate them retrospectively, but my pal from Youlgreave is still refusing to cooperate. He is an accomplished fell-runner and has been a good friend for some 15 years. Our friendship has never been touched by so much as a trace of physical attraction on either side, as he is, mercifully, heterosexual and goes out with a girl called Edwina. Her nickname is Eddie. In this tangle, perhaps, lies the source of the rumour. After all, another Edwina was once a junior minister. A fell-runner, an ex-MP, a junior minister who likes to be called Eddie . . . the only bit which still stumps me is the nakedness.

Never mind. Next time *The Daily Telegraph* asks me whether I have been spotted pausing, naked except for my high heels, in the woods with Eddie (a transvestite Tory Director of Communications who likes to be called Lucy) while we pen the Prime Minister's next speech, I shall in response be characteristically coy. So will Eddie.

Researching and writing a book called *Great Parliamentary Scandals*, I have been pondering the Deedes maxim. In the field of rumour about the private lives of more famous people than I shall ever be, you would need to adapt it. Most juicy media scandals contain a wealth of speculation, several vast inaccuracies, but one slight and altogether fascinating fact.

> Imagine me naked but for high heels, penning the PM's words with a transvestite

There's no smoke without fire, they tell us. This is widely believed in the world of tittle-tattle about royalty, politics and other forms of popular entertainment. It is true, I believe, only in the literal sense: there will have been a fire, but it may be only ash now, and it may not lie at the seat of the smoke. Very few scandalous stories about public figures are entirely true. Few are completely false.

Charles Dilke probably didn't sleep, three-in-a-bed with Mrs Crawford and the buxom serving girl Fanny Stock. But he probably did sleep with Mrs Crawford's mother. Gladstone (to the prostitutes of London, "Old Glad-Eyes" or "Daddy-do-nothing") probably didn't sleep with the tarts he brought home to read the Bible to. But he scourged himself mercilessly afterwards and seemed to enjoy it. "Has it been sufficiently considered," he wrote, "how pain may become the ground of enjoyment?"

Sir Francis Bacon probably didn't, as Lord Chancellor, deliver judgments as he had been bribed to. But the young men in his office ("He has the habit," wrote one contemporary, "of making his servants his bedfellows") probably did take the bribes. How different from the home life of our own dear Lord Chancellor. Scandals ain't what they used to be.

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The monarchy will gain from the Princess of Wales's broadcast, but the BBC is risking its unique status

Birt's gamble with the Corporation

William Rees-Mogg

I find myself amused, rather than shocked or enraptured, when I see the Princess of Wales deliver a well-signalled sucker punch to the stubbly chin of her critics. Like other historic co-inheritors of the Stuart PR gene, the Princess is brilliant at the kingcraft of public-image building. She does not have Van Dyck, but she can certainly use the camera. The unfortunate Prince of Wales seems only to have the Windsor gene to guide him, or perhaps a Saxe-Coburg-Gotha gene from his psychologically similar ancestor, the Prince Consort.

It is, however, charming to see so many courtiers and journalists fall into a traditional Fool's Mate of the PR game. You start by building a bogey, with staring eyes, a turnip head and a long black cloak. Everyone responds with fear and horror to this alarming presence. The bogey drops its turnip head and cloak, and a beautiful Princess is revealed, who speaks words of comfort and healing. Of course tonight will be a great success, all the more so because of the build-up it has received. And that will do the monarchy much more good than harm. I am sure she does it all herself, and that the disappointed press advisers did not need to be consulted. If you are born with perfect pitch, you do not need to consult the village choirmaster in order to hit the high notes.

It is not therefore the monarchy issue in tonight's performance which worries me. If one takes the long view, and tries to see the Princess of Wales as her role may appear in a hundred years' time, she will then be seen as the great royal star of the late 20th century, the most famous member of the Royal Family since Queen Victoria. She uses, to brilliant effect, all the 20th-century skills; she is, in this sense, a superstar.

No doubt this can be embarrassing for the Royal Family, and particularly for Prince Charles, a serious-minded and conscientious man who finds himself written into a drama in which his role is unsympathetic. His position would try the patience of a saint, and the House of Windsor has never been a patient family. In the British theatre of 1900, leading actors were not queueing up to play opposite Mrs Pat Campbell. They knew they could not win. Yet the Royal Family needs stars, from time to time, if only to create the present extraordinary high level of public interest. It is the stars who are remembered, even centuries later.

The third thing is that the Stuart gene, brilliant as it is, almost always ends in personal tragedy. The two great examples of the Stuart temperament were Mary Queen of Scots and Bonnie Prince Charlie. It is sad that the rest of the Royal Family cannot sit back and enjoy the play, from which, in historic terms, they have more to gain than lose. They should see these events from the point of view of their deeply Hanoverian monarch, King George VIII, who will be making guttural references to his great grandmother in his Christmas speech on Sky Television in the year 2100.

The *Panorama* broadcast does not show that the Royal Family has broken down; on the contrary, it shows that the old firm is more interesting than it has been for a long time. Yet this broadcast is a disaster for somebody; it is a disaster for the BBC. The way the story has been handled has challenged the central proposition of the BBC's constitution. High ratings and a couple of million pounds are not worth that, because the licence fee itself depends on the BBC's constitution being upheld.

The BBC is a uniquely privileged broadcasting body. It receives a large licence fee which is, in effect, a tax on television reception. It does not have to raise money from its subscribers, like Sky Television, or from advertising, like the independent companies. It has a monopoly of two of the present four terrestrial channels. In return for this, it is governed by a royal charter, which places legal power entirely in the hands of a board of governors, under a chairman, who appoint a director-general and a board of management. The governors are there to satisfy themselves that this tax-funded public monopoly is run in the public interest. They do not normally preview programmes, or refuse to transmit them, though they have a legal right and in certain circumstances could have a legal duty to do either.

As far as possible, the governors try to make sure that the BBC lives up to high standards of integrity, impartiality and public service. They have to be consulted on policies or individual programmes which may affect the BBC's reputation. Tonight's *Panorama* is such a programme.

The Princess herself was perfectly entitled to give the interview. Her husband gave a similar one a year or so ago. She did not wish to tell the Palace officials — not unreasonably, as she believed they had given briefings unsympathetic to her in the past. The BBC producers did not wish to tell Marmaduke Hussey, the Chairman, what they were doing, though that would have been the proper constitutional BBC practice. They had two reasons: they did not wish the board of governors to have the opportunity to intervene; and they thought, wrongly, that Mr Hussey might tell his wife, who is a lady-in-waiting to the Queen, and that the secret might get to the Palace in that way. They did tell the Director-General, John Birt. He did not tell his Chairman until the last possible minute. That was the point of breakdown.

John Birt has not been a failure as Director-General. He has introduced badly needed reforms, and taken his predecessor's reforms a stage further. He can be pedantically bureaucratic, but that may be an acceptable price to pay for overdue reorganisation. He has always been awkward with people, and the resulting resentment of some of his staff made reforms more difficult. He would not have become Director-General, or survived, without Marmaduke Hussey's support as Chairman, which has been consistent, loyal and skilful in handling the personal issues.

The constitution of the BBC only works if there is total confidence between chairman and director-general. The chairman must give total support, or get himself a new director-general. The director-general must know what is happening in the BBC, and must tell the chairman everything important. The board of governors rely on the chairman to represent them between meetings and assume that he is being kept fully informed. According to Nicholas Hellen in *The Sunday Times*, BBC managers admit they took a conscious decision to inform their chairman only at the last possible moment. Such a decision destroys this relationship. Over the weekend members of the board of management gave briefings to the effect that keeping things from the chairman is normal BBC practice. That is unacceptable.

As the relationship between the chairman and the director-general is the focus of the constitution of the BBC, this will have to be resolved. Either John Birt will have to apologise for his conduct, or he will have to go, or the board of governors will have to go. If he remains, without an apology, after having deliberately expressed his contempt for his chairman, then the board of governors will be seen by everyone as impotent and futile. Without supervision in the public interest by the board of governors, the BBC would have no legal claim to its monopoly or its licence fee. It would be just another broadcasting company, deserving no special favours. John Birt's decision not to inform his chairman has put the whole system at risk.

Her Majesty's controversy

Peter Riddell says the monarch has more to worry about than interviews



The most revealing royal conversation has already been broadcast. It did not involve either the Prince or Princess of Wales, but was, the hoax call three weeks ago to the Queen by a Canadian chat-show host. Its real significance has been missed. The 14-minute conversation offered a rare insight into the Queen's continuing active constitutional role. Not that anything she said was improper; far from it. The Queen, in consultation with her private secretary, Sir Robert Fellowes, was correct in being willing to consider the suggestion of what she assumed was the Canadian Prime Minister that she make a television broadcast before the Quebec referendum.

That important constitutional role — and the possibility that it could make the monarchy more vulnerable — is barely discussed by politicians. In Britain, it is regarded as bad form and displaying a lack of seriousness for any leading politician to discuss the monarchy. Jack Straw, Mo Mowlam and Tony Benn have all been attacked for raising the issue. So most Labour MPs keep quiet, whatever their private views.

Tory MPs share Bagehot's opinion that the mystery of the Crown is its life, and that letting in daylight would destroy its magic: hence, even debating the monarchy is somehow unpatriotic and tantamount to republicanism. That is nonsense, both historically and practically. It is in the monarchy's long-term interests as undisputed Head of State and symbol of nationhood for these issues to be discussed.

Many of the Crown's powers are, in practice, vested in the government of the day. These prerogative powers, exercised by ministers in the name of the Crown, allow the executive to declare war, ratify treaties, control the Armed Forces, run the Civil Service and make a wide range of appointments without involving Parliament. The position of the Crown would not be diminished if these powers were placed on a statutory basis, as both the Security Service and the Secret Intelligence Service have been in recent years.

The Crown still has extensive direct powers: the appointment of prime ministers, the dissolution of Parliament and the creation of peers. In most cases, there is no problem about ensuring that the government is carried on, that the will of the electorate is respected and that the prime minister is able to command the support of a majority in the Commons. The first-past-the-post electoral system usually produces a clear result, and since 1965 all the main parties have elected their leaders, so the monarch has not been involved in the choice.

However, the Crown has been dragged into fierce political controversy at least half a dozen times this century, and easily could have been on many other occasions. Party leaders have tried to avoid putting the monarch in an embarrassing position. But such a predicament could occur if there were a hung Parliament with no overall majority — which would be certain if any system of proportional representation were adopted. It might not then be obvious who should be asked to form a government, or which party leader should be granted a dissolution. When hints were dropped during the Maastricht battles of 1992-93 that John Major might threaten a dissolution to bring the Tory rebels back into line, there were suggestions that the Queen need not automatically grant such a request, at least unless it were clearly backed by the Cabinet.

In his stimulating book *The Monarchy and the Constitution*, Vernon Bogdanor supports the Crown's residual role as defender of the constitution. This amounts to much more than Bagehot's famous — and much exaggerated — trio of rights: to be consulted, to encourage and to warn. Bogdanor argues that it has proved impossible to lay down guidelines to deal with constitutional crises, which generally blow up unexpectedly. Precedents and conventions have often been in conflict. His answer is that "alone in the state, the Sovereign enjoys a total freedom from party ties and the complete absence of party history. If an umpire is needed — and no democratic state can operate without one — the Sovereign is likely to prove a safer guide than a president, who is necessarily the outcome of an electoral process in which political parties will have played a predominant part."

But the Crown's role as umpire works only if the monarch remains above controversy. That is inherently more difficult in an era of intensive and intrusive media attention, as the "Charles and Diana" saga shows. If there is a constitutional stalemate, it will be much harder than in the past to prevent the Crown being in the spotlight, particularly if the monarchy has itself become more controversial as a result of the private frailties of members of the Royal Family.

The good sense and experience of the present Queen is no defence against future politicisation. As Peter Hennessy argues in *The Hidden Wiring*, "just one hung election result in which the royal choice left a part of the political nation aggrieved would be immensely damaging". The current official view that these matters are best left undiscussed in public is no longer sustainable. At the very least, as Hennessy argues, the principles guiding the choice of prime minister in a hung Parliament need to be made clear and transparent, even if all contingencies cannot be foreseen.

There is a strong case for ending the monarch's role as political umpire and delegating these powers to commissioners. This could be a group of the great and the good, who would arbitrate in the case of such a constitutional stalemate, so removing the monarchy itself from potential political controversy. This is not quasi-republicanism. Rather, it is a recognition that the political role of the Crown is not fixed, but has constantly changed, always with the primary aim of ensuring the survival of the monarchy itself. It is an eminently Tory approach.

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

Kids' stuff

ANOTHER punch was thrown in a celebrity scrap in the heart of Nimbyshire over the weekend. Jeremy Paxman and fellow members of the chattering classes are continuing to feud over a disused school in their Oxfordshire village.

Paxman and his neighbour John Mortimer want the school in Turville, in the depths of the Chilterns, to be used as an educational centre for disadvantaged children from urban areas. Other village residents, led by the historian Alistair Horne, are appalled by the idea. His view: "Not so much Paradise Postponed as Paradise Cancelled Altogether."

The *Newsnight* presenter's latest offensive was to chair a celebrity game-show in a west London church hall on Saturday night to raise funds to buy the school. The event amounted to a glorified pub quiz, with wine flowing freely and teams captained by the likes of Sir Robin Day, Loyd Grossman and Mortimer. Team members included the actresses Sinead Cusack and Joanna David as well as the publisher Carmen Callil.

The evening raised £7,000 but ended in controversy. A team consisting of the thriller-writer Robert Harris, football author Nick Hornby and the smooth-talking Labour spin-doctor Peter Mandelson won the event. A disgruntled *Vanity Fair* team, captained by the royal biographer Anthony Holden, came second. "There were cries of 'It's a fix', because Gill Hornby, who organised the event, happens to be Robert Harris's wife and Nick Hornby's sister," says Holden.



"Like a fool I told her to relax in front of the telly"

● *Railtrack appears to be unable to tell its stations from its organs. The invitation to its PR department's Christmas party arrives with a map showing the location of a number of London stations — including St Pancreas.*

Scorebook

JOHN MAJOR has revealed a vital role of one of his closest aides in the day-to-day running of government. His principal private secretary, Alexander Allan — who has always played the bouncers of political life with a very straight bat — is also his Test match special adviser.

Major outlined the job as the champagne flowed at a party at the Australian High Commission last week. He lamented that he had never succeeded in organising a trip to Australia to coincide with a Test series, and had not been able to follow pre-deluge play in the current Test in South Africa as closely as he would have wished. "Work sometimes interferes with cricket. It's a bore when it does," he said. "Fortunately, my principal private secretary is a cricket fan and feeds me bulletins throughout the day." Allan was previously best known for his love for the rock band the Grateful Dead.

Ballooning

SALVATORE CALABRESE, the exotically named bar manager at London's Lanesborough hotel, is on stand-by now that the American rock band Bon Jovi is in the capital on a world tour.

Despite their ear-splitting music, members of the band have a refined taste in brandy, and have tracked down Salvatore's superior collection on more than one occasion in the past. "Last time they were here, one of them enjoyed an 1802 cognac, which we sell at £500 a shot," said Salvatore. "He enjoyed it so much that he gave me and my son a free ticket and a backstage pass to their concert."

● *Jonathan Aitken may be keeping his eyes peeled if he is in Westminster today. Mohamed Al Fayed, who appeared in front of the privileges committee to explain his role in the "cod fax" affair earlier this month, will be at large in the Commons, presenting British Diversity Awards for innovation.*

Live wire

THE shockwaves caused by the Princess of Wales's *Panorama* interview have been keenly felt in the boardroom of the National Grid. When the programme ends, the company will be braced for the biggest strain on the power system since England's 1990 World Cup semi-final against Germany. When the final whistle went there was a 2,800-megawatt surge of power — four times the rate when an episode of *Coronation Street* comes to an end. "Extra lights go on. All those toilets flushing set a lot of electric pumps working. But it is the kettles which cause the biggest surge in power. We are ready though," says a National Grid spokesman.

● *Diners at a new London establishment will have to take care that flagging down a waiter doesn't land them with an expensive work of art. Sotheby's is planning to open a restaurant at its headquarters in New Bond Street.*



Liz: producer, now

Shoot or cut?

ELIZABETH HURLEY just can't make up her mind what to do with Hugh Grant. Is that unfortunate incident on Sunset Boulevard "resolved", asks next month's *Esquire* magazine. "Well, I don't know really. I'm not very good at taking active decisions, to be quite honest. I mean, I am in a surface way but . . . you play each day as it comes," she says.

She is rather more decisive about her business career. Shooting starts in January on a film she is producing, *Extreme Measures*, starring Grant, for their company, Simian Films. "It's exactly what I wanted to do. Always trying to see how far you can go is very exciting," she explains.

Framed

AS IF he didn't have enough to worry about, the Prince of Wales's attempt to establish himself as a serious artist has received a setback from President Clinton and Newt Gingrich. Their stalemate over America's budget, and the resulting shutdown of non-essential government services, meant that an exhibition of the Prince's watercolours failed to open at the weekend.

The exhibition is booked into Ronald Reagan's Presidential Library in California, which is part of the National Archive and is staffed by federal workers, who were all sent home. "We are disappointed, but we hope visitors will be able to return to see the pictures later," says the library.

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THE TAX ILLUSION

The Budget should not be judged by headlines about tax cuts

Next week's Budget will offer the Government its last opportunity to put money in voters' pockets in sufficient time before the general election. It is not surprising, therefore, that pre-Budget speculation about this year's likely tax giveaways has been even more feverish than usual. Many panic-stricken Tory backbenchers seem convinced that the outcome of the general election will be absolutely settled tomorrow week. At the risk of oversimplification, the view from the Commons bars can be easily summarised. If the Chancellor cuts only a penny off the standard rate of income tax, the Tories are done for. But if he cuts income tax by 2p or more next year and backs this up with a promise that standard rate tax will fall to 20p in the next Parliament, then voters will surely revert to type and back the party that promises them the lowest taxes. John Major could still be in with a chance.

Reality, both economic and political, is very different from Westminster's febrile perceptions. If Kenneth Clarke is tempted to follow the demands of his restive backbenchers and sacrifice fiscal caution to inspire a few dramatic headlines on taxes, he should reflect on the figures published today in *The Times*. These show just how implausible the Tories will sound when they boast about their Budget tax cuts and subsequently try to present themselves as the party of low taxes — or even of low income taxes.

The Chancellor can afford to announce some tax cuts in next week's Budget and he certainly should do so. One of the main objectives of government should be to reduce its demands on the taxpayer over time. Far more important than maximising the size of the tax cuts, however, will be for the Chancellor to ensure that his tax will be sustainable and to stick to his impressive long-range plan to eliminate the public sector borrowing requirement by 1998-99.

It would be good politics, as well as good economics, for the Chancellor to ignore his noisy backbenchers and err on the side of caution. The standard rate of tax, in which some Tores have invested all their electoral hopes, is nothing more than a totem. As *The Times* figures show, no conceivable cut in the standard rate would be big enough to undo, even in the long term, the damage done to middle-class incomes in the past three years by the slashing of mortgage tax relief and marriage allowances. Even if voters believed a Tory promise to reduce the standard rate by 5p to 20p, this might leave them unimpressed. As our calculations show, many middle-class families would require a standard rate tax cut of 8p or 9p to restore them to their 1992 position. And polling evidence suggests that voters are beginning to understand that there is more to tax policy than a Dutch auction between Tories and Labour over the standard rate.

There is, however, an economic boon which the Tories can legitimately boast of, but which could be imperilled by reckless behaviour on tax. This is the dramatic reduction in interest rates since 1992, a development only made possible by the Government's tough tax policies. Since April 1992, the standard mortgage rate has fallen by three percentage points. For a typical middle-class family with a mortgage of £50,000, that has meant a saving of £1,500 annually — more than enough to offset the £1,000 they pay in extra income taxes. If the Chancellor followed a prudent Budget with another cut in interest rates, as he certainly ought to, voters would have reason to offer him further thanks.

The sharp reduction in real interest rates since Britain left the European exchange-rate mechanism, as well as helping middle-class homeowners, has done wonders for the competitiveness of British industry and helped to put the country's manufacturing sector back on its feet. For the Chancellor to jeopardise these achievements for a few sensational headlines on taxes would be madness. Tax reductions matched by cuts in public spending are almost always desirable. But the prudent management of the nation's finances, combined with the further easing of monetary policy which this will make possible, is more important.

BALLOTS AND GUNS

A long-awaited glimmer of hope for Algeria

Even as a bomb exploded yesterday at the Egyptian Embassy in Pakistan, there was some good news at last from another troubled Arab state, Algeria. The election as President on Saturday of Liamine Zeroual has brought much-needed hope to a country at bloody war with itself for nearly four years. Hope in Algeria is welcome in even the smallest doses.

The country's civil war is not about to end overnight — far from it. The banned opposition Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) has dismissed the elections in its usual trenchant manner, as have those secular parties which chose to boycott the polls. But if General Zeroual, now the beneficiary of a real mandate, were to use his election to conciliatory effect, Algeria would have a better chance of returning to peace than it has ever enjoyed since the civil war began.

Thousands have died — at the hands of remorseless Islamic terrorists and equally unmerciful defenders of the State — since the last elections were annulled in January 1992. Then the FIS, putative winners of an election whose turnout was much smaller than the one conducted last week, was denied power by a military junta fearful of Islamic rule in Algeria. The annulment of those elections should now, with hindsight, be seen as an error, as was the failure of Western states to condemn the junta at the time.

Yet there were genuine concerns then about the democratic *bona fides* of the FIS. Would it, for example, have dismantled Algerian democracy as soon as it took charge of Government? How tolerant would it have been of the institutional process which brought it to power? Would it ever submit itself to elections again, or relinquish power democratically? We will never know for sure: but we do know that Algeria has had anything but democracy since January 1992. Democracy, as much as intolerant Islamist politics, has been the victim of the junta's "secular" crusade.

Until last week's elections, the political picture consisted of an unelected junta in control of the country, with no mandate to rule, but with the uneasy support of Western countries. The only party with proven electoral support, however questionable its fidelity to democratic principles, was the FIS. Now, after the recent elections, there are two parties in Algerian politics which enjoy the support of the electorate — the FIS, from the last exercise four years ago, and General Zeroual from this one.

It would be wrong to scoff at General Zeroual's victory, however flawed the polls may have been. The FIS is still banned, and the major secular opposition parties did not participate, but the turnout of voters was impressive. Derived though it may be from a weariness with the civil war, the general has considerable support.

He would err, however, in treating his victory as an end in itself. The elections were only the beginning — not the culmination — of Algeria's return to democracy. General Zeroual has, just as the FIS did in 1992, a powerful but inconclusive mandate to rule. Guarding against triumphalism, he must now kindle a process of multiparty negotiations. Only from such a process can a solution emerge.

SCHOOLS WEEK

A mission to make league tables more useful

Today, *The Times* launches its Schools Week to coincide with the Department for Education and Employment's publication of its annual GCSE and A-level league tables. We will carry these rankings for more than 3,000 schools and colleges in England and Scotland tomorrow. For the fourth year, parents, teachers and governors will scrutinise their schools' relative performance. Heads will ask themselves why they have done well or badly, why the comprehensive a mile away has achieved so much less or so much more.

In spite of enormous initial hostility from the education establishment, the compilation of league tables has become a fixture in the public sector calendar, an important routine which reminds schools that they are accountable to taxpayers and parents. This year our tables will also show how schools have improved or deteriorated — a vital consideration for parents thinking ahead and looking for trends rather than snapshots of performance.

But information is not the same as guidance. The new transparency in the public services has created problems for parents unused to so much information about schools. The purpose of our unique service this week is to help parents to choose, as well as to give them the raw statistics they need as a starting point. Each day we will publish case studies of individual schools which have done well, advice on what to look for in a school, guidance on assisted places and hints on coaching for entrance tests. Our surveys will explore the independent as well as the state sector. By the end of the week, readers should be better placed to ask the right questions of schools looking for their custom.

Although the national curriculum has been the subject of far greater controversy, the enhancement of parental choice is the most important plank of the Government's education reforms. Studies in America — notably East Harlem — have shown that improved choice plays a greater role in the enhancement of standards than centrally enforced curriculums. It also makes the task of parenting that much more complicated.

In this country, the level of choice is notionally impressive, since 90 per cent of parents secure a place for their child at their favoured school. But this is partly because parents have tended to be unadventurous; most have yet to take full advantage of their new rights to opt for schools outside their neighbourhoods. As more do so — preferring the successful opted-out school a car journey away to the mediocre council school two minutes' walk away — the pressure on places at the best schools will grow accordingly. The new education marketplace can be daunting as well as liberating. Every parent desperately wants to take the right decision for his or her child. Our Schools Week should make the task that much easier.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Likely results of royal broadcast

From Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, QC

Sir, If the sole function of the Press Complaints Commission is to adjudicate upon specific complaints by members of the public claiming breaches of the commission's code of practice, why has Lord Wakeham declared — in advance of any prospective complaint by the Princess of Wales that her privacy has been unjustifiably invaded — that she will fail to establish any breach?

Does not Lord Wakeham's public declaration prejudice, in the eyes of the public, the independent and impartial judgment of the commission which Lord Wakeham chairs?

Yours faithfully,
LOUIS BLOM-COOPER
(Chairman of the Press Council, 1989-90),
2 Ripplevale Grove, N1.
November 19.

From Mr John Pittuck

Sir, Like Mr Patrick Savage (letter, November 18) I spent my teaching life in boys' boarding schools and was in the last one a housemaster for 12 years. As a father and grandfather also, I share his deep concern for the two young boys awaiting their mother's broadcast.

Generally I found that boys who came from unsettled homes were able, against a background of acrimony, to conduct themselves with a dignity and maturity often sadly lacking in some of their parents. I was always proud to be part of a pastoral process which could give constructive support to such children.

In this situation, however, we are talking about the sons of two of the most high-ranking figures in the country; and if, as we are led to believe, the Princess is to reveal personal details of her marriage and beyond, then the effect on her children could be even more devastating. It would become a part of history that they and their eventual offspring will never shake off.

Is there not still time for the BBC and the Princess of Wales to call a halt to this broadcast and preserve, thereby, the respect and affection that many have for both?

Yours sincerely,
JOHN PITTUCK,
Hillside Cottage, 62 Dunmow Road, Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire.
November 18.

From Mrs D. M. Dudley

Sir, Tomorrow, November 20, is the Queen's wedding anniversary. Is it not a very insensitive act by the BBC to show the Princess Diana interview on TV on that evening?

Have they no consideration for the Queen's personal feelings?

Yours truly,
D. M. DUDLEY,
24 Millfield Close,
Pickering, North Yorkshire.
November 19.

Tax cuts in the Budget?

From Mrs Gillian Draper

Sir, Mr A. E. Gregory (letter, November 14) asks what good will tax cuts do for "pensioners, unemployed, those on income support and various forms of social security, who do not pay any direct tax".

However, for the millions of taxpayers who support those groups, tax cuts would be very good, especially for the many taxpayers who are poorer than their beneficiaries.

Yours faithfully,
GILL DRAPER,
Flat 3, San Remo Mansions,
San Remo Parade,
Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex.
November 14.

From Mr Christopher Romyn

Sir, Would it not be of great benefit to make personal equity plans free of inheritance tax? This would encourage saving for old age, in the knowledge that the capital sum would be available in full to pass down the generations — and make Peps truly tax free.

Yours faithfully,
C. S. ROMYN,
41 Bluehouse Lane,
Oxted, Surrey.
November 10.

Bars to political stability in Ulster

From Mr J. F. Q. Switzer

Sir, Did our Government really express astonishment at Mr Bruton's London speech (report, November 13), in which he accused Britain of failing to match Dublin's response to the IRA ceasefire? I saw it as the speech of a weak politician trying to show his electorate that he is more nationalist than the opposition Fianna Fail party, and at least as belligerent as the Gerry Adams who has referred to John Major as "the Prime Minister of a government that claims jurisdiction over part of my country".

But Mr Bruton was also reported to have said: "However painful, it is now the time for the antagonisms of the past to be put aside, in the interests of building a better future for all."

Let us take him at his word and ask him to face up to the principal cause of continuing antagonism, namely the claim in the Constitution of the Republic that "the national territory consists of the whole island of Ireland".

This claim to British territory is not only incompatible with the Republic's membership of the European Union — the Accession Treaty of 1972 refers throughout to "the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland" — but patently contravenes the provisions of the Helsinki agreement, which require the parties to refrain from any demand for part or all of the territory of another state.

In the Downing Street declaration of December 15, 1993, the Prime Ministers of the United Kingdom and of the Republic of Ireland made "a solemn commitment to promote co-operation on the basis of ... obligations under international agreements" (Article 2).

The most important contribution that the Dublin Government could make to the re-establishment of political stability in Northern Ireland is to repudiate the illegal claim to the territory of another member state of the European Union.

Our own Government has not been blameless. It has failed to make use of straightforward, readily available arguments to defend its position in Northern Ireland; its supine behaviour and talk of "no selfish strategic or economic interest" in the Province has certainly been interpreted by the Irish Republican Army and Irish nationalists generally as meaning that the Government no longer cares about sovereignty.

But here again Bruton gives encouragement. Since his speech I have heard him in a radio interview say that "nothing is gained by sweeping things under the carpet". Can we now hope for speedy joint action to end a constitutional absurdity that has no place in the Europe of the Nineties?

Yours faithfully,
J. F. Q. SWITZER,
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November 18.

From Mr C. Mark Dixon

Sir, I take issue with your view (leading article, November 15) and the Government's that the IRA must decommission arms prior to the admission of Sinn Fein to the peace talks.

Surely, the objective must be to seek out a peace agreement that all parties can live with, if such is possible. It would have to include the decommissioning of arms of both the IRA and the loyalist forces, subject to other terms being met by other parties involved. These undertakings would have to include safeguards to ensure that the decommissioning actually took place.

Your state that this leaves the Unionists a Hobson's choice of bloodshed or a constitutional package heavily favouring the nationalists. This will be determined only by the talks themselves. If the nationalists are willing to accept a democratic verdict, the weapons should not affect the negotiations. If they are not, the ceasefire is nothing more than an interlude.

With the amount of distrust that exists, it is naive to expect that the IRA will decommission as a prelude to talks rather than as an outcome.

Yours sincerely,
C. M. DIXON,
Boutells Farm, Henny Road,
Lamarsh, nr Bures, Suffolk.
November 17.

Defects of immunity certificates

From Mr Rupert Allason, MP for Torbay (Conservative)

Sir, Douglas Hurd, in his letter of November 15, acknowledges that a "difficulty arises if a minister is invited to try his hand at striking the balance which should be the preserve of the judge" when signing public interest immunity certificates (PIICs).

As the Ordtec case has highlighted (report, November 8), PIICs have come to be regarded as trump cards. Indeed, if the Matrix Churchill judge had not agreed to study all the documents himself, the prosecution would very likely have prevailed again. Fortunately he ignored the eloquent assurances given by the prosecution and scrutinised each document which the prosecution had described as irrelevant to the defendants.

Douglas Hurd's perspective is that when ministers sign PIICs they do little more than support an application to the court, so leaving the final decision to the judge.

In reality, prior to the Matrix Churchill precedent, judges never challenged PIICs. If an experience of mine six years ago is anything to go by, when I was in receipt of a certificate as a defendant in a civil case, they rarely if ever examined for themselves the background documents in contention. On that occasion, the vexed judge asked rhetorically, "who am I to gainsay the Secretary of State?"

It is to be hoped that Lord Justice Scott recommends that ministers come under a clear obligation to hear *both* sides of an argument before issuing a PIIC; that they read *all* relevant documents for themselves; and that the judiciary does the same, treating a PIIC as nothing more than a request, and certainly not a knockout punch.

Of course, as Douglas Hurd points out, confidences have to be respected, sensitive identities preserved and the national interest protected; but surely these objectives can be accomplished through *in camera* hearings which avoid the unfairness inherent in what are rightly called gagging orders when the courts feel bound to uphold them.

Yours faithfully,
RUPERT ALLASON,
House of Commons.
November 15.

Drug legislation

From Mr D. A. L. Emmett

Sir, To my mind, one of the major elements of the drug problem is illustrated graphically by the photograph accompanying Valerie Grove's article on Ecstasy (November 15). The caption starts: "A drug-free party of innocent young people enjoying themselves . . .". Smack in the middle of the picture is a bottle of alcohol, one of the worst problem drugs of our day.

Where the use of one harmful drug is tolerated, and even approved of and encouraged, warnings on others, arbitrarily declared illegal, are doomed not to be taken seriously.

Yours faithfully,
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Keeping up courtesies

From Mr Christopher Alderson

Sir, Like the Reverend Ian Gregory and General Sir Harry Tuzo (letters, November 13 and 18) I, too, suspect that the "oldies" have become, in public places, less polite.

Why? Because, in an increasingly discourteous society, they suffer bad experiences, fear and the difficulty which many of us have in being assertive with courtesy. They have been elbowed out of a queue once too often, and jostled beyond endurance in overcrowded trains. When a seat is offered, surprise and suspicion are the masters of gratitude.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER ALDERSON,
121 Handside Lane,
Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire.
November 18.

Effects of class size

From Mr John Bausor

Sir, Ofsted has discovered that class size does not have much relationship to performance, particularly exam results (report, November 11). It is a finding which fits in nicely with the Government's view that increasing class size is unimportant.

There is actually a positive association between class size and exams — the bigger the class the better the results: even better from the Government's point of view. But this is not evidence that the former causes the latter.

Slow learners are usually put into smaller classes while high-flyers are often in quite large classes. The class size is determined by the performance, not vice versa.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BAUSOR
(Education consultant),
5 Longcrofte Road,
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November 17.

From Dr Ruth Chambers

Sir, The Ofsted report has apparently been unable to identify any direct relationship between class sizes and pupil performance. Even if this apparently illogical conclusion were true in the short term, it fails to take account of large classes on teachers' morale and stress levels.

Prolonged periods of teaching and controlling large classes are likely to affect teachers' mental health, causing them to become less effective, take more sick leave, or retire early. Would this not reduce pupils' performance?

Yours faithfully,
RUTH CHAMBERS,
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Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire.

From Mr Tom Cross

Sir, Your leading article of November 13, "Teaching the many", summarises precisely the malaise that infects schools today. Those of us who left school to train teachers were required to subscribe to the post-Plowden progressivism that aborted all that was sound and purposive in traditional education.

You rightly call for addressing, as you put it, the philosophy that has produced unmanageable classes and those who teach them. It appears, however, not in the form of philosophy, which one could debate, but of social science.

The principles dominating teacher education — a supposed alternative to training — are social psychology and sociology, which require collectivist approaches to everything. Until a sensible balance is restored in what is held to be teacher education, we are going nowhere.

Yours faithfully,
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Action needed to end court backlog

From Lord Donaldson of Lymington

Sir, The Master of the Rolls, Sir Thomas Bingham, in his annual review (report, November 14) has said that it should be a cause for public concern that delays in the Court of Appeal (Civil Division) have reached a level which is inconsistent with the administration of justice.

So it should, but even more it should be a cause for self-reproach on the part of the Lord Chancellor and of the Government. As your report indicated, they were warned on numerous occasions, including the publication of the previous four annual reviews, that this is what would happen.

Their response was to cast doubt on the forecasts and to do too little too late. Thus the Master of the Rolls's plea for six additional judges as the minimum required to reduce the backlog was met by the appointment of only three.

Much has been achieved by the court itself by way of reducing oral argument and filtering out hopeless appeals. Nevertheless the current forecast that the backlog, and thus the delays, will continue to grow into the next century is now vouched for by statisticians from the Lord Chancellor's own department.

It is trite that justice delayed is justice denied. What is less well known is that delay breeds delay. The known existence of the backlog encourages additional appeals designed primarily to postpone the day of judgment.

Two remedial measures are required at once. The first, designed to enable the existing judges to dispose of more appeals, is to give each professional assistance. This would be a novelty in this country, but is taken for granted in other common-law jurisdictions faced with similar pressures.

The second is to appoint more Lords Justices on a bold scale. Although individually they would have security of tenure, once the problem of the backlog was overcome their numbers could quickly be reduced by refraining from making good natural wastage.

The provision of effective machinery for the resolution of disputes between citizen and citizen and between citizens and the State is not an optional extra in a developed democracy. The Government should cease treating it as such.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN F. DONALDSON
(Master of the Rolls, 1982-92),
House of Lords.
November 15.

Commonwealth shifts

From Mr Anthony Verrier

Sir, At a time when the Commonwealth, despite the suspension of Nigeria's membership, may seem *passé*, its recent acceptance in principle of Mozambique's application for admission to its ranks is welcome.

However, as a footnote to history, may I recall that, when I was reporting the "Front Line States" meeting in Lusaka on the eve of the 1979 Commonwealth conference, an Angolan delegate asked me, in genuine bewilderment, "What is this Commonwealth? Can we join?". Something new out of Africa after all, if belatedly.

Maybe Angola, too, will join. Maybe the Commonwealth is about to enjoy a new lease of life, as a force for international, and regional mediation — and coercion. A Commonwealth peacekeeping role is not far-fetched: the monitoring force for Southern Rhodesia, which did a great deal to give Zimbabwe independence in 1980, should be recollected.

We might also recall, at a time when Nigeria is in the dock, that it was pressure from Lagos which played its part in the independence of Zimbabwe.

Yours etc,
ANTHONY VERRIER,
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November 15.

Brazilian economy

From the Ambassador of Brazil

Sir, Your editorial of November 10, entitled "Common action", states that "The Commonwealth has become too like Brazil: its supporters constantly speak of its potential because there is little to praise in its actual performance". This could have been said ten years ago, when Brazil was heavily constrained by foreign debt.

However, in the light of the economic progress which has taken place since then, particularly over the last ten months, it is far from fair.

Yours sincerely,
RUBENS ANTONIO BARBOSA,
Brazilian Embassy,
32 Green Street, W1.
November 10.

Beds for dunderheads?

From Mrs Cordelia Stamp

Sir, Ah! At last someone has solved the accommodation problem by filling his garden with thickly planted boarders ("How to make the garden sell the house", November 15).

I hope Mr Noel feeds them well.

Yours truly,
CORDELIA STAMP,
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November 16.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 18: The Duke of York, Colonel-in-Chief, the Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's), today visited the 3rd (Volunteer) Battalion at Swynnerton, Staffordshire.

Captain David Thompson was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 18: The Prince Edward this afternoon attended the Marriage Ceremony of Prince Joachim and Miss Alexandra Manby in the Chapel of Frederiksborg Castrle, Hillerad, Denmark.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 18: The Princess Royal, Patron, Scottish Rugby Union, accompanied by Captain Timothy Laurence, RN, this afternoon attended the International Rugby Match between Scotland and Western Samoa at Murrayfield, Edinburgh.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 19: The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Mr John Bather (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Derbyshire) at the Memorial Service for Colonel Sir Peter Hilton (formerly Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Derbyshire) which was held in St Mary's Church, Wirksworth, this afternoon.

The Prince Edward was represented by Lieutenant Colonel Commander Martin Boissier, RN.

The Princess Royal was represented by Brigadier Patrick Hargrave.

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester and The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were represented by the Lord Kerr.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent were represented by Mr Nicolas Adamson.

Today is the 48th anniversary of the marriage of The Queen to the Duke of Edinburgh.

Birthdays today

Mr M.C. Alexander, writer, 75; Lord Archer of Sandwell, QC, 69; the Hon Hugh Astor, former deputy chairman, *The Times*, 75; Mr P.G. Badge, chief metropolitan stipendiary magistrate, 64; Mr Gareth Chilcott, rugby player, 39; Mr Alistair Cooke, journalist and broadcaster, 87; Brigadier B.T.V. Cowey, former rugby player, 84; Mr R.M. Francis, art historian, 48; Sir Alan Goodison, former director, Wates Foundation, 69; Miss Nadine Gordimer, author, 72; Miss Dulcie Gray, actress and authoress, 75; Mrs Penelope Hobhouse, horticulturist, 66; Mr Aubrey Jones, former MP, 84; Mr Piara Khabra, MP, 71; Sir Michael Latham, former MP, 53; Mr J.A.S. McPherson, Lord Lieutenant of Grampian Region, 68; Sir Richard Morris, former chairman, Brown and Root, 70; Sir David Price, former MP, 71; Mr A.M. Rees, former Chief Constable, Denbighshire and Staffordshire police forces, 83; Mr Steve Smith, athlete, 23; Mr Wilfred Wooller, former cricketer and rugby player, 83.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Thomas Chatterton, the "boy poet", Bristol, 1752; John Wall Callcott, composer, Kensington, 1766; Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Prime Minister of Canada 1896-1911, St-Lin, Quebec, 1841; Edwin Hubble, astronomer, Marshfield, Missouri, 1889.

DEATHS: Caroline of Ansbach, consort of King George II, London, 1737; John Williams, missionary, murdered by cannibals, Erromanga, 1839; Anton Rubinstein, pianist and composer, Peterhof, Russia, 1894; Count Leo Tolstoy, writer, 1910; Alexandra, Queen Consort of King Edward VII, Sandringham, 1925; John Rushworth Jellicoe, 1st Earl Jellicoe, Admiral of the Fleet, Kensington, 1935; Francisco Franco, dictator of Spain 1939-75, Madrid, 1975.

Charles Stewart Rolls and Frederick Henry Royce formed Rolls-Royce, 1906.

The Nuremberg War Crimes trial of Nazis began, 1945.

Snowdonia was declared a National Park, 1951.

Nature notes

FROST and snow have set some birds on the move. Twites have come down from Scotland to salt marshes along the east coast of England: they are like drab linnets, except for the male's pink rump. Goldfinches are starting to cross the Channel, heading for France and Spain. Blackbirds are lurking under bushes, turning over the dead leaves: they are shy birds, only coming out into the open when driven by necessity. They were originally woodland birds, and have only ventured into town gardens during this century. Blue tits climb nimbly up tree trunks, teasing out insects from the bark like tree-creepers.

Leaves are much sparser on the trees, but those which are left are at their most colourful. On rowans, or mountain ash trees, the leaves are crimson and the berries scarlet.



The twite: Bewick knew it as the mountain linnet

London plane trees are spangled with many colours, especially in the wintry sunshine. Some Norway maples are as yellow as bananas.

A few night moths are still on the wing: one is the angle shades moth, which has fine green and brown markings, and curled edges to its wings. It looks just like a leaf that is changing colour, and in fact, rests on fallen leaves during the day.

DJM

Latest wills

Sir Clifford George Jarrett, of Ilkley, West Yorkshire, former Permanent Secretary at the Admiralty, left estate valued at £68,235 net.

Mr John Travis Kemp, of Plungar, Leicestershire, ballet dancer, former principal of the London School of Contemporary Dance, left estate valued at £338,996 net. Among other bequests he left £50,000 for charitable purposes.

Memorial services

Colonel Sir Peter Hilton
The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Mr John Bather, Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire, at a memorial service for Colonel Sir Peter Hilton held yesterday at St Mary's, Wirksworth, Derbyshire.

Prince Edward was represented by Lieutenant Commander Martin Boissier, the Princess Royal by Brigadier Patrick Hargrave, Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester by Lord Ralph Kerr and the Duke and Duchess of Kent by Mr Nicolas Adamson.

Canon Robert S. Caney officiated. Mr Andrew Hilton, son, read the lesson, the Rev Kenneth Ward, National Chaplain of the Normandy Veterans' Association, read the Normandy Prayer, Major-General Peter R. Leuchars read a rededication prayer of the Order of St John, and the Right Rev Cyril Bowles delivered the sermon.

General Sir Martin Farndale, Master Gunner, St James's Park, gave an address and led the act of homage. The Alfreton Ladies Choir with Mrs Margaret Parkin, soloist, and the Dalesman Male Voice Choir sang during the service. Among others present were: Lady Hilton and other members of the family; the Duke of Devonshire, Lord and Lady Vernon, Sir Richard Fitzherbert, Lady Farndale, Sir Henry and Lady Neville, the Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire and Lady Buchanan, the Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester and Mrs Timmins, the Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire, Colonel F W James (representing the Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire).

The High Sheriff of Derbyshire, Colonel D Walton (representing the president, chairman and committee, National Artillery Association), representatives of Derbyshire County Council and the boroughs and districts in the county, the Royal British Legion, Members of Parliament for the county, the magistracy, the Emergency Services, St John Ambulance, the Red Cross, the Royal Horse Artillery, The King's Troop, ex-service organisations, the Cadet Forces and many other friends, past High Sheriffs of the county and Deputy Lieutenants.

Mr A.A.L. Caesar
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr A.A.L. (Gus) Caesar, former Senior Tutor of St Catharine's College, Cambridge, was held on Saturday at the University Church of Great St Mary, Cambridge. The Rev Paul Langham officiated. Sir Terence English, Master of St Catharine's College, and Dr Robin Donkin, Reader in Historical Geography and Fellow of Jesus College, read the lessons. Dr David Keeble, university lecturer in geography and Fellow of St Catharine's College, gave an address.

Sir Andrew Maitland-Makgill-Crichton
A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Sir Andrew Maitland-Makgill-Crichton will be held on Tuesday, December 12, 1995, at 11.30am at the Church of St Botolph without Aldgate, London, EC3. Refreshments will be served following the service at P&O Containers Limited, Beagle House. If you wish to attend please contact Miss Patricia Lambourn on 0171 930 4343.



ASHLEY COOMBES

Bill Mouquet and the Corpus Christi sundial that he and a colleague restored

Sundial brought back on time

THE Corpus Christi sundial is once again keeping time for contemplative Oxford students, thanks to the patient craftsmanship of a local sign writer. A sundial has stood at the centre of the college's quad since 1523, encouraging students to be punctual for tutorials.

The elements have taken their toll of the majestic 26ft column since it was last restored in 1976 and it was found to be telling the wrong time. Its painted dials and calendars had been stripped away by wind and rain, the vivid illuminated crests were drab and faded, and even the gilded pelican topping the structure was looking forlorn.

After restoration by building conservation experts, Bill Mouquet was called in to put the sundial back on time. By painstakingly tracing every detail of what was left of the dials, he was able to put the 27 gnomons on the column back on time. Mr Mouquet, 64, who will retire in January after 49 years of painting signs, said: "It was the job of a lifetime. I can't think of a better way to finish off all these years than with something which is so much part of Oxford.

"I would not want to be responsible for making students late — so we took lots of photos and traced every line very precisely, measuring how far they were apart, to make sure it was spot on."

Mr Mouquet, who has worked for the Oxford firm Pim and Smart Signs since leaving school at the age of 16, and a colleague spent two weeks restoring the dial in the summer and are delighted with the result. "It looks spectacular," he said.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy
Commodore J.H.A.J. Armstrong to be promoted Rear Admiral and to be Senior Naval Member on the Directing Staff of the Royal College of Defence Studies, in succession to Rear Admiral J.F. Perowne in January.

The Army
BRIGADIER: R F Mendham to MoD, 20.11.95; M J Roycroft to MoD 22.11.95.
COLONEL: P C Cook to be comd HQ Episkopi Gar, 24.11.95; R V Kelly to MoD, 20.11.95; M J N Richards to HQ Landsouth East (BAE), 21.11.95.
LIEUTENANT-COLONEL: W A Bailey, RE, to HQ MNDC, 24.11.95; I Beck, SG, to RHC, 20.11.95; J C D Cook, RA, Ch D, to HQ BFHK, 22.11.95; P Firth, RLC, to HQ RLC TA, 23.11.95; K R Pople, AAC, to HQ Land, 22.11.95; A F Thomson, REME, to HQ Land, 20.11.95.

Royal Air Force
GROUP CAPTAIN: R F Burrough to HQ Nato, 20.11.95.
WING COMMANDER: R T Cuthill to Wilton, 6.11.95; D J Drew to Army Staff College Camberley, 6.11.95; A N Mitchell to Staff College Bracknell.
Retirements:
GROUP CAPTAIN: B A Wright, 22.11.95.
WING COMMANDER: J R Jones, 5.11.95.

Reception

Wellesley House
The Headmaster and Mrs Richard Steel held a Reception on Thursday, November 16, at Trinity House (by kind permission of The Deputy Master and Elder Brethren of Trinity House) for Old Wellesleians (1960-1985) and Friends of the School.

Dinners

Savoy Gastronomes
Mr Herbert Striessnig, President of the Savoy Gastronomes, presided at the 25th annual dinner held on Saturday at the Savoy Hotel.

St Mary's Hospital, London W2
The St Mary's Hospital Medical School Association held a dinner on Saturday, November 18, at the Metropole Hotel to mark the 150th anniversary of the opening of the hospital. The toast to the hospital was proposed by Professor D. Grahame-Smith, CBE, and the reply was given by Mr Gerald Walsh-Waring. Mr Alasdair Fraser, Chairman of the Association, presided.

Service dinners

Light Infantry Club (Cornwall)
The Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall and Lieutenant W. Evans, USN, serving in *HMS Cornwall* were the principal guests at The Light Infantry Club (Cornwall) dinner held on Saturday at the Falmouth Hotel, Falmouth. Brigadier J.G. Williams presided.

Hertfordshire Branch, RNA
Surgeon Rear Admiral E.E.P Barnard and Dr Joan Barnard were the guests of honour at the annual dinner of the Hertfordshire Branch of the Royal Naval Association held at Sele School, Hertford, on Saturday. Rear Admiral M.D. Kyrle Pope, Deputy Lieutenant for Hertfordshire and Vice-President of the association, proposed the toast for the Queen. Shipmate President Commander B.G. Smalley presented the Eric Knight Award to Shipmate T. Vincent.

Royal Naval Sailing Association
Admiral Sir Horace Law, a founder member, was the guest of honour at the Diamond Anniversary Dinner of the Royal Naval Sailing Association held in *HMS Nelson* on Friday. Vice-Admiral Sir Toby Frere, Commodore of the association, presided.

St John Ambulance

Mr Lewis Martin is appointed Executive Director of St John Ambulance from today in succession to Dr Duncan Macphie.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr T. Adams and Miss A. Culverwell
The engagement is announced between Timothy, younger son of Rear Admiral and Mrs John Adams, of The Oxdrove House, Burghclere, Berkshire, and Auriol, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Culverwell, of Bridges Court, Luckington, Wiltshire.

Mr M.J. Cawthorne and Miss A.J. Leslie
The engagement is announced between Martin, son of Mr and Mrs Roy Cawthorne, of Lincoln, and Alison, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Harold Leslie, of Langho, Lancashire.

Mr D.J.L. Crichton-Miller and Miss R.M. Jones
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Neil Crichton-Miller, of London, and Rebecca Madryn, younger daughter of Dr Gareth Jones, of Bwich, Powys, and Professor Anne Jones, of Henley-on-Thames.

Mr F.V. Goodwin and Mrs A.J. Udale
The engagement is announced between Frederick, son of Brigadier and Mrs Frederick Goodwin, of Temple Guiting, Gloucestershire, and Annabel, daughter of Mr and Mrs Denis Mann, of Hampton Wick, Kingston upon Thames.

Mr P.D. Hamilton and Miss C.A. Southern
The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr R.J.O. Hamilton, of Neston, Cheshire, and of Mrs O.D. Hamilton, of Denna Hall, Burton, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Southern, of Kingsdown, Bristol.

Lieutenant R.J. King, RM, and Miss C.C. Verdin
The engagement is announced between Lieutenant Richard John King, RM, youngest son of Mr and Mrs T.T. King, of Brentwood, Essex, and Catherine Clare, elder daughter of Mr P.A. Verdin, of Lymm, Cheshire, and Mrs P.M. Verdin, of Altrincham, Cheshire.

Marriages

Mr A.J. Pinkney and Miss M.C. Birch
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St James the Less, Westminster, of Mr James Pinkney, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Pinkney, of Westminster, to Miss Melanie Birch, daughter of Sir John and Lady Birch, of Oxfordshire. The Rev Jeremy Crossley officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Mary Sutherland and Miss Victoria Price. Mr Mark Robinson was best man.

A reception was held at Seaford House, Belgrave Square, and the honeymoon will be spent in St Lucia.

Mr J.P.R. Andrew and Mrs P-C. Pope
The marriage took place on Friday, November 17, 1995, at St Mary's Church, Beverston, between Patrick Ramsay Andrew and Peta-Carolyn Pope.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will attend the Royal Variety Performance at the Dominion Theatre, London, at 7.35.

The Duke of Edinburgh will open an exhibition of Jain art from India at the Victoria and Albert Museum at 6.

The Princess of Wales will attend a gala evening at Bridgewater House, Cleveland Row, London, at 8, in aid of the European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer.

The Princess Royal, as President of The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, will visit Dundee Carers Centre, 21 Ward Road, Dundee, at 11; will attend a fund-raising luncheon at Stakis Dundee, Earl Grey Place, at noon; and, as Patron of the National Association of Victims Support Schemes, will attend the annual meeting at The Brewery, Chiswell Street, City of London, at 4.50.

Princess Margaret will open the Kinnaird Head Lighthouse Museum, Fraserburgh, Aberdeen, at 11.10.

The Duke of Kent, as co-patron, will attend the Anglo-Jordanian Society's biennial dinner at the Langham Hilton at 7.45.

Princess Alexandra, as president, will attend a reception given by the Imperial Cancer Research Fund at 44 Lincoln's Inn Fields at 6.30.

Moore for sale

A sculpture by Henry Moore, bought for £50,000 in 1951, is expected to make about £80,000 at a Phillips auction in London tomorrow. The 6 in high study of a family group was bought by Antony Gibbons Grinling, a fellow sculptor, who died in 1982. The Henry Moore Foundation at Much Hadam believes the cast is one of only two known.

University news

Oxford
Merton College
To Postmasterships:
H T F Braun (formerly of Dulwich College); B J Curthoys (Dr Challoner's Grammar School); P M Gillin (Dr Challoner's Grammar School); M J E Millar (Eton College); T B Pester (Toronto University); J E Redman (Dauntsey's School); A J Renwick (Wick High School); N D Thaker (St Paul's School); E A Wright (Westcliff Boys' High School).

To Exhibitions:
Miss D Biro (formerly of Vienna International School); Miss R J Cox (Watford Grammar School for Girls); A S W Davies (Dame Allan's Boys' School, Newcastle-upon-Tyne); Miss S J Daykin (Little Heath School, Tilehurst); Miss A J Field (Northampton High School); Miss E R Hodby (Oxford High School); M A Holmes (Hutton Grammar School, Preston); Miss S L Jones (Dame Alice Harpur School, Bedford); Miss L A Judge (Dame Alice Harpur School, Bedford); Miss S R Kent-Smith (Millfield School); M A Kimber (Eton College); J P McEvoy (Ripon Grammar School); J McManus (Tonbridge School); S Moghaddam (Epsom College); Miss E M Price (King Edward VI, Birmingham); N A Quin (The Heathland School, Hounslow); D J Shapiro (Winchester College); C M Somorjay (Bristol Grammar School); N D Thapen (Alleyn's School); D M W Wallace (Bedford School); R H Walters (Weston Favell Upper School).

Cambridge
Peterhouse
The following elections were made with effect from October 1:
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BIRTHS

BARKER-HAHLO - On 14th November, to Davina and Robin, a daughter, Lucy Flora, a sister for Charlotte.
BERTHET TAYLOR - On 17th November in the France Britannique Hospital, Paris, to Lisa and Olivier, a son Maximilliion Albert Auguste.
BURRIDGE - On 27th October at The Matilda Hospital, Hong Kong, to Louise (née Carroll) and Mark, a son, Keir Marco, a brother for Timo.
CRAVEN - Born to Aurora and Michael, at The Portland Hospital, on 11th November 1995, a beautiful daughter, Christina Ausencia Craven.
DANGERFIELD - To Sarah and Peter, on 11th November, a daughter, Amelia Rose.
SCOTT - On October 30th to Sarah and Gregor a son, Hugo Marcus Edward, a brother for Georgina, Sophia, Arabella, Rollo and a cousin for Rebecca and Carrie.
THORMAN - On 2nd November, to Pippa (née Bradley) and Jeremy, a lovely daughter, Georgia Lucy.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

NAPPER-DAVIDSON - At Chelsea Registry Office and St Mary's, Battersea, on November 20th 1945, John Napper to Pauline Davidson.

DEATHS

ARCHIBALD - Peacefully at Crosshouse Hospital, Kilmarnock, on Thursday 16th November 1995, Margaret Spence Archibald MBE, of Glasgow and Dalry Ayrashire, and a beloved daughter of the late Hugh John Alexander Archibald and Mary McIndoe, and dear sister of the family.
BENNETT - Mortimer Wilmot on November 13th, peacefully in his sleep in his 86th year. Lately of the Tower Theatre and Islington. Dearly beloved Uncle. Burial of ashes and memorial service at St. Mary's Parish Church, Bletchley, Bucks on Saturday December 9th at 12 noon. Enquiries to Rivetts of Lowerstoft 01502 573632

DEATHS

BATTERLEY - Suddenly at home, Bernice Mary, beloved wife and mother. Service to be held at St Mary the Virgin Church, Davyhulme on Wednesday 22nd November at 2 pm, prior to interment at Urmston Cemetery. All flowers and enquiries to Frank Bray Funeral Directors, 60 Flixton Road, Urmston, Manchester. Tel:(0161) 748 2321.
BURLTON - Peacefully on November 17th, Joan (Mouse). Dearly loved mother of Susan and Christine and grandmother of Lucy, Richard, Marina and Christopher. Service Wednesday November 22nd at Chichester Crematorium at 11.00am. Flowers to Edward White & Son, 5 South Pallant, Chichester, tel: (01243) 782136.
D'ABREU - On 16th November 1995, peacefully, Frank D'Abreu, F.R.C.S., beloved husband of Ann and dearly loved father and grandfather. Requiem Mass on Friday, 24th November 1995 at 10.30am at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street W1. Flowers and enquiries to A. France & Son Ltd (Tel: 0171-405 4901).
FINUCANE - On November 14 1995, Peter (Paddy) Captain R.A. (Ret'd) and British Caledonian, tragically while crossing the road. Much loved husband of Pip (Patricia) and father of Tim. Funeral at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium on Thursday November 23 at 12.30pm. No flowers please. Donations if desired to Royal Artillery Association Charitable Fund or British Airline Pilots Association Benevolant Fund c/o Stoneman Funeral Services, Doran Court, Redhill, Surrey RH1 6AZ.
GELLINER - Ernest André, on 5th November in Prague. Funeral at Chichester Crematorium, Westhampnett Road, on Saturday 25th November at 2:00 pm. Donations to Amnesty International UK, (99-119 Rosebury Avenue, EC1R 4RE) or flowers to Funeral Services Petersfield Ltd, 19 The Square, Petersfield, Hants. Enquiries to. (01730) 262711 or (01227) 274348.
HARROD - Emma Hannah, passed away peacefully in Lillington Nursing home, on 15th November 1995 aged 94 years. Funeral Service at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Lillington, Leamington Spa on Thursday 23rd November at 1.00 pm, followed by interment in the Churchyard.

DEATHS

HOPKINS - Rev. Aubrey Evan. On 17th November aged 89 years, peacefully in Crowborough Hospital, dearly loved father of Sheila, Monica, Rachel and brother of Reggie and Consie. Funeral service on Friday 24th November at 12 noon at All Saints Church, Crowborough. Donations if desired to C.M.S., 157 Waterloo Road, London SE1.

HUNTING - Diana Margaret. Suddenly in London on 16th November 1995, aged 75. Much loved widow of Pat and mother of Rosemary, Richard, Gordon and Caroline. Funeral private, family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Friends of The Chelsea and Westminster Hospital (0181 746 8625).

IRVING - On 16th November, 1995. Suddenly at his Daughter's home Aubrey aged 93 years of Broadwindsor, Dorset. Husband of the late Enid and a much loved Father of Jane and Kathryn, and much loved Grandfather. Funeral service at Yeovil Crematorium on 27th November, 1995 at 2.00pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Joseph Weld Hospice C/O A. J. Walkely & Sons, 91 East Street, Bridport.

MacKAY - On November 16th 1995 at home, in Marston Magna, Major General Eric MacKay aged 75 years after an illness very bravely borne. Much loved and missed by his wife Hadders and family. Funeral service 2.30 pm on Thursday November 23rd 1995 at Marston Magna Church, followed by cremation. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Family flowers only. Enquiries to Eason Funeral Services, Newell, Sherborne, DT9 4EZ. Tel: (01935) 813479

McLEOD - Caroline Margaret (Peggy). Died peacefully at home in Ringstead, Norfolk, on 17th November after a short illness aged 96. Thanksgiving Service at St Andrews Church, Ringstead on Thursday 23rd November 1995 at 3pm. No Flowers but donations for R.N.L.I. Starvation Army or N.S.P.C.C. may be sent to John Lincoln, Funeral Director 40 Greevegate, Hunstanton, Norfolk.

DEATHS

BEEK - On 17th November 1995 peacefully at Willingdon, Eastbourne Molly, sister of the late Peggy. Funeral Service at St. Mary The Virgin Church, Willingdon, on Friday 24th November at 2.15 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only but if desired donations to Christian Aid, c/o Heins & son Ltd., 19 South Street, Eastbourne.

BILES - On 8th November, Trevor Mervyn, leaving beloved wife Tamara. Staying at Aldington House, Blackheath SE3. Tel:(0181) 463 0641. Cremation at Lewisham Crematorium, Friday 24th November 11am.

MOCATTA - On 16th November peacefully, Phyllis Flora aged 87 years. A loving and loved daughter, sister and aunt. Funeral Service at The Downs Crematorium, Brighton, on Wednesday 22nd November, at 10.15 am.

WELLS - Constance Mary of St. James's London and one time Cape Town South Africa, passed peacefully away on the 15th November at Thames Bank Nursing Home, Goring-on-Thames. Dearly loved wife and life long best friend of Frank. Funeral at Reading Crematorium, Caversham at 12 noon on Thursday 23rd November 1995. Flowers may be sent to Cyril H. Lovegrove Funeral Directors, 88 Briants Avenue, Caversham, Reading. Tel: 01734 461 393

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JACKSON - A Memorial Service for Canon M.J. Jackson will be held at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, High Pavement, Nottingham, at 12 noon on Saturday December 9th.

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OBITUARIES

ALAN HULL

Alan Hull, pop musician and founder member of Lindisfarne, died of a heart attack on November 19 aged 50. He was born on February 14, 1945.



THE presiding force behind the Geordie band, Lindisfarne, Alan Hull was singer, songwriter, guitarist and keyboard player for a musical quintet which, born out of pubs, and folk and working men's clubs, rose in the 1970s to become one of Britain's top sing-along bands. Their music, an easy blend of folk and rock with wistful lyrics and catchy harmonies, made them a natural for the big festivals.

They had already established a strong local following by the time they made their first chart breakthrough with the song *Meet Me On the Corner*, taken from their 1971 album *Fog on the Tyne*. The band rose to rapid fame, and despite a five-year split, regrouped successfully to survive throughout the 1980s until the present day.

However, Hull, the founding member of the band, was never the stereotype of a rock-and-roll idol, and always remained close to his working-class roots. A committed Labour supporter, he was secretary of his constituency party and zealously adopted a variety of left-wing and charitable causes. In 1983 his controversial single *Malvinas*, intended he said as "a criticism of war as a solution to disputes", sparked angry reaction among Conservative MPs. The song, written from the standpoint of a British serviceman killed in the South Atlantic, was a bitter attack on patriotic fervour.

Hull also co-wrote a show called *Heads Held High* in 1986 to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the Jarrow to London hunger march. Highlighting the problem of soaring unemployment, it was a blatant criticism of Thatcherite policies. He also travelled to Minsk in 1991 to perform in the Soviet Union's first ever Western-style charity concert to mark the fifth anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster. Even last year his new song *We Can Make It* was intended, he said, as "part of the North's campaign to convince people that there are so many skilled workers up here and that we've got something we can build on".

Alan Hull was born in Newcastle upon Tyne and educated at Rutherford Grammar School. His flair for music manifested itself at an early age. He started taking piano lessons at the age of nine, guitar lessons two years later, and wrote his first song when he was just 12 years old.

Leaving school at the age of 16, Hull began playing with local bands. But he soon grew disillusioned with the group scene and left to spend two years working as a psychiatric nurse at St Nicholas's Mental Hospital in Newcastle. The human suffering he witnessed there was to inspire much of his later work, as did the boredom and fear he saw in the society around him. He himself lived at that time in a single rented room shared with his wife and two children. When he was working on nightshift he saw his family only in the early mornings, as a poignant song *Breakfast* was later to record.

In 1968 Hull returned to the music scene, setting out on a career as a singer and folk club manager. In 1969 he had a small success with a solo single *We Can Swing Together*, but this was not enough to support his family and in 1970 he started his own folk club, The Rex at Whitley Bay. Hull, with an eye for talent, was to book such future stars as Gerry Rafferty and Billy Connolly.

Hull himself played in a band called, first, Downtown Faction and then Brethren before finally launching itself in 1970 as Lindisfarne, named after Holy Island off the Northumbrian coast. Their first album *Nicely Out of Tune*, a brash mixture of folk and rock, had some success. But real fame came a year later with *Fog on the Tyne*, an album whose title track celebrated the gritty tragi-comedy of Newcastle life with lines such as "sitting in a sleazy snackbar sucking sickly sausage rolls." The attendant single, *Meet Me on the Corner*, reached the UK top five in 1972.

From then on the rise to stardom was precipitous, perhaps too rapid. The group, dissatisfied with their third album *Dingly Dell*, began to feel the strain of creative tensions, exacerbated by a stressful American tour. Hull and Ray Jackson (who sang the vocals and played harmonica and mandolin) wanted to move away from the jamming and bluesy rock-and-roll towards which the other three members of the group were veering. In 1973, after just one year in the limelight, Lindisfarne split up.

Hull contemplated going solo and released a modestly successful album, but he was a naturally gregarious character and felt lonely on the road by himself. With typical Geordie pragmatism, he declared: "I'm not really good enough when there are solo artists like Bowie around."

Hull, Jackson and four other musicians joined to form a reconstituted Lindisfarne, which interspersed new material with old favourites. Hull, relieved of previous pressure of song-writing, also found time to write a book of poetry based on his experiences as a psychiatric nurse. *The Mocking Horse*, published in 1973, sold widely.

In 1974 Hull's artistic talents branched out further when he was asked to take a leading role in a tough new television play, *The Squire*. The play had been written by Tom Pickard, a Newcastle poet and old mate of Hull's. The story, that of a working-class man on the dole who fantasises about becoming a squire, had some resonance for Hull. "When I read the script, I remembered my own struggle to make a living in Newcastle ... Tom's fantasy was to be a squire. Mine was to be John Lennon."

Meanwhile, the new Lindisfarne had released a number of mildly promising albums including *Roll on Ruby* in 1973 and *Happy Daze* in 1974. But it was only in 1978 when the original band was persuaded to re-group that real success was to return, albeit briefly. The first album after their reconstitution was a hit, enjoying a UK top-ten single in *Run For Home*, a song which told the story of what had happened since the band had split up.

Lindisfarne were subsequently unable to repeat this success and in 1987 plummeted to an artistic nadir with *C'mon Everybody*, a medley of rock-and-roll favourites which received rough reviews.

In 1990 Lindisfarne enjoyed another brief return to the UK charts when they joined with their fellow Geordie, and England international footballer, Paul Gascoigne, then basking in the afterglow of the World Cup. A second-rate reworking of *Fog on the Tyne* reached number two.

In the last five years chart appearances were only occasional but the band still retained loyal support in the North East, and fans flooded to their annual Christmas concert. This year Lindisfarne celebrated their silver anniversary, playing at the venue where they had made their debut appearance, Newcastle City Hall.

Hull always remained faithful to his working-class Geordie roots. He lived with his family in a spacious Victorian terraced house near the coast where a number of Tyneside artists and musicians had gravitated in the 1980s. The drawing room, decked out like a pub with bar, juke box and pool table, was known as The Dog and Shoe by friends who went up to drink there after closing hours. Hull, as landlord, imposed his own rules: no smoking across the pool table and pound coins to be placed face down — "so I don't have to look at the Queen, I'm totally against royalty". Lining the walls, framed newspaper cuttings and gold and silver discs bore witness to a resilient music career.

Alan Hull is survived by his wife Pat, and their three daughters.

PIERRE HENFREY

Pierre Henfrey, assistant film director, died on November 1 aged 75. He was born on September 30, 1920.



PIERRE HENFREY enjoyed a long career in documentary film-making. He worked for 15 years at the Film Producers' Guild and later for the National Coal Board's film unit.

In the public eye, documentary film-making lacks the glamour of feature film production, and Henfrey's name was not well known to a wider public. But in the industry he was regarded as a safe pair of hands and as an assistant director he worked with many of the big names in documentaries. His exploits became the stuff of legend.

Pierre George Henfrey was born in Barnes, the son of a businessman. His mother came from northern France and he retained strong links with that country, eventually retiring there. He was educated at St George's, Weybridge, and at Reading University. There, because of a distinguished botanist in the family, he was encouraged to read botany.

But, having left, he was free to pursue his own interests in the arts. He was exempt from war service because of poor health, but an actress friend suggested that, with his matinée idol looks, he should have been in the films himself. Henfrey agreed, but decided to make his life behind the camera.

He got his grounding in all technical aspects of film-making at Denham Studios during the war. He worked on both *In Which We Serve* (1942) and *Brief Encounter* (1945). Trevor Howard, who starred in the latter, remained a friend. A brief spell at Pinewood was then followed in 1950 by 15 years at the Film Producers' Guild, the documentary film-makers' company. There he worked on hundreds of projects, from 15-minute shorts to big musicals like *Jam Session* made for Rowntrees.

There were also documentaries on the herring fleet, the atomic and iron and steel industries and the award-winning *The Stable Door* for the British Insurance Association.

As an assistant director his job was to liaise between producers, who had their eye on a budget, and the more creative side of film-making. In any argument between the two camps Henfrey would automatically be on the side of the underdog. Never was this more clearly seen than when Henfrey took his crew to Alexandria, at the beginning of his time with the Film Producer's Guild in the early 1950s. Moved by the pitiful sight of a local amputee beggar, Henfrey brashly deposited the entire budget for the film — £600 — into the beggar's bowl. When news of this reached London, it was decided that Henfrey would not be sacked but must be kept on — if only to repay the entire sum, slowly, out of his subsequent earnings..

Henfrey left the Film Producers' Guild in 1965 and joined the National Coal Board's film unit. He remained there until the early 1980s, a valued member of the team and one of the few men in the unit who had wider experience of the film industry.

But, again, Henfrey's impractical streak led him into conflict with the authorities and eventually brought his time there to a close. Having descended into a mineshaft with his crew for a day's filming, Henfrey became separated from the others. He was discovered by an anxious rescue mission towards the end of the day several miles into an abandoned seam. He was calmly smoking his pipe, oblivious of the safety hazard this in itself constituted, let alone the panic he had caused above ground.

He left the NCB in 1980. The 1980s included a documentary on marmalade-making and the writing of a script on China. He spent the last six years of his life in the Gers in southwest France and had been ill with cancer.

He is survived by his companion of the past 28 years Anna Bennett, an adopted son and by two sons from a previous marriage.

MIRON GRINDEA

Miron Grindea, OBE, Editor of *Adam*, 1935-95, died on November 18 aged 86. He was born in Moldavia on January 31, 1909.



MIRON GRINDEA will be remembered as one of the longest-serving editors of modern times. He launched his bilingual literary and cultural magazine *Adam* in Paris in 1935 and, under his vigilant if sometimes erratic supervision, it miraculously survived for 60 years. He was working on its 500th issue at the time of his death.

Throughout *Adam*'s existence Grindea, enjoying only irregular secretarial help, did everything himself — from commissioning to proof-reading — and (apart from a short period when the magazine was supported by the University of Rochester in Upper New York State) was the beneficiary of no financial backing.

A Romanian by birth, Mondia Miron Grunberg — he changed his name on arriving in England just before the war — was educated at the University of Bucharest and at the Sorbonne. During the war he worked for the Ministry of Information and for the BBC European services. But, for the most part, the financial stability of his household depended on his wife Carola, whom he had married in 1936, and who worked as a music teacher at the Guildhall School of Music and as a concert pianist. Yet somehow — as if fed by the ravens in the wilderness — *Adam* kept coming out.

In particular, Grindea could claim to have been a pioneer in bringing distinguished South American writers — Neruda, Borges, Ricardo Molinari, Jorge Carreras Andrade — before the British reading public. He was wholly indifferent to money and once, on being told by a friend that these early exploratory issues were selling second-hand at £10, immediately sent that impecunious friend a copy as a gift. The various memorial numbers he went in for — there was a splendid one on Dylan Thomas — were genuine works of scholarship, frequently containing unpublished photographs and original contributions of great freshness. (His archive was eventually bought by King's College London, which also established an annual *Adam* lecture.)

It was because of Grindea's passion for literature — and, indeed, for the arts generally — that the magazine's title was a somewhat strained acronym for Arts, Drama, Architecture and Music) — that figures as celebrated as Edith Sitwell, Anthony Powell, Graham Greene and even Churchill found themselves writing for it for fees that were either non-existent or nugatory. Essentially, its editor was an enthusiast — in this remaining to the end typically Central European. It was this aspect of his personality which enabled him to break down the resistance of Anglo-Saxons — although, with his talent for excessive flattery, he could sometimes raise hackles, too.

At his home in Emperor's Gate off the Cromwell Road, where he had lived for fifty years, he did not so much give parties as hold *salons*. There would usually be some literary lion present but there would always be a collection of unknown writers as well. Such gatherings tended not to be wholly convivial. Grindea disapproved of the habit of heavy social drinking and would open bottles only late and reluctantly, often quite unselfconsciously immediately putting the cork back in any bottle that he had been forced to broach.

He also disliked the English custom of people pairing off at parties: any two chattering guests would rapidly find themselves separated and confronted with some dingily obscure European visitor with whom they would be expected to converse haltingly in a language native to neither party.

If, in face of all these difficulties, the gathering began to show dangerous signs of loosening up, the host would tiptoe around — his hands held together as if in prayer but with the fingertips pointed eloquently downwards — until some stroke of inspiration came to him, such as calling for his wife to sit at the piano and play: given her professional standards, this could generally be counted upon to preserve decorum. The expression of alarm — at the prospect of his guests actually enjoying themselves rather than improving their minds — would then disappear from Grindea's face.

But if even his friends sometimes laughed at Grindea behind his back, they did so with affection (though sometimes, admittedly, mixed with exasperation). If he was an out-of-the-way person, he was equally an exceptional editor who kept a small magazine afloat at a time when better-known titles had all sunk beneath the waves. One of those who recognised his achievement was Cyril Connolly, whose own *Horizon* had lasted little more than a decade. It was only fitting that one of *Adam*'s best issues should have been published in memory of Connolly — who had generously acknowledged the uniqueness of what Grindea had managed to do. His adopted country also did so eventually — Grindea being appointed MBE in 1977 and advanced to OBE in 1986.

He is survived by his wife and daughter.

WILLIAM BRIAN YOUNG

William Brian Young, MBE, former Director of Radiology at the Royal Free Hospital, died in Edinburgh on November 15 aged 82. He was born on February 12, 1913.



SHORTLY after the turn of the century an 18-year-old English girl named Ellen Elisabeth Long made a five-week journey on the Trans-Siberian railway to take up a position as governess to the British Consul-General in Shanghai. At that time, the Royal Ulster Constabulary shared the responsibility for policing imperial outposts and Stewart Young was Deputy Commissioner of Police in Shanghai. They married in 1910 and had three sons. Terence, the middle son, a renowned film producer, died in 1994.

Bill, the eldest, was sent to school at Weymouth College. His uncle, a doctor, was his guardian and kindled his interest in medicine. They saw patients together and young Bill was assisting with anaesthetics at the age of 14. If his own account is to be believed, his medical undergraduate years (at St Peter's Hall, Oxford, and St Thomas' Hospital, London) were spent either at St Enedoc or on the London-Cornwall road "with the golf clubs in the boot of the Bentley" — presumably somebody else's Bentley at that time (his own was acquired somwhat later).

After graduation and the outbreak of war, he worked with the Emergency Medical Service in London but soon found himself back in the Far East as medical officer to the Malay Regiment. He was wounded in the elbow and was a patient himself when Singapore fell and Japanese soldiers entered the hospital. He wisely declined to leave his bed (those who did were not seen again) and spent the next three-and-a-half years as a prisoner of war. He was appointed MBE (military) but, like others, spoke very little of the hardships he and his patients had endured.

Young's injury partially paralysed his hand and in his view put paid to his desire for a career in surgery, although he did subsequently become a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. In the meantime, however, the late Dr James Bull (a fellow PoW) had interested him in radiology. He became a Fellow of the Faculty of Radiologists of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. He had responsibility for radiology services in further tours of duty in Malaya and Singapore, this time with the Colonial Medical Service, and he kept in touch with radiologists from the Far East until his retirement.

He was Director of Radiology at the Royal Free Hospital for 20 years until his retirement in 1978, first in Gray's Inn Road and then at Hampstead after the 1974 relocation. He planned and commissioned the new X-ray department there. He was active in private practice as well, notably as Director of Radiology at the Wellington Hospital, and in Harley Street.

He was a gracious and lavish host, as well as a wonderful raconteur, and parties in his tenth floor flat overlooking Lord's often coincided with Test matches. The fare was likely to be fish and game, which he had brought back from Scotland. He took up fishing in middle life and persevered but success came more easily with the gun and, during the shooting season, he was frequently to be seen in Harley Street delivering a brace to a friend or colleague.

He was also a good golfer, representing St Thomas'. Entertaining friends at the Berkshire he usually brought his gundog along so that his guests would not have to trouble themselves looking for lost balls in the rough. He followed other sports keenly, especially rugby and cricket, but his health curtailed active participation.

That he survived his captivity in the war years was remarkable enough. But he also overcame two separate malignancies. He suffered rheumatic fever as a teenager, as well as three of its serious complications in middle life, including a valve replacement. His heart had begun to fail in recent months but he bravely took his chances with a further operation.

He is survived by his wife Pam, and by a daughter and son from his first marriage.

Church news

Latest appointments include:

Prebendary John Deakin to retire as Rector, Cotes Heath w Standon (Lichfield) as from October 31, and be appointed Resident Minister (NSM), Enville (to be known as Vicar in Enville), same diocese.

The Rev Robin Denniston, retired, to be Priest-in-charge (NSM), Great Tew with Little Tew, Over Worton with Nether Worton (Oxford).

The Rev Stephen Elstob, Team Vicar, Upholland (Liverpool), to be Vicar, Kirkleatham (York).

The Rev Simon Grigg, Assistant Curate, St James, West Hampstead and St Mary with All Souls, Kilburn, to be Vicar, Christ Church and St Mary Magdalene, Munster Square (London).

The Rev Murray Haig, Team Rector, Cramlington, to be also an Honorary Canon of Newcastle Cathedral.

The Rev David Herrick, Vicar, Bury St Edmunds, St George, to be Priest-in-charge, Great Barton (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich).

The Rev Hazel Hughes, Priest-in-charge, Wribbenhall and Chaplain to People with a Mental Handicap (Worcester), to be also an Honorary Canon of Worcester Cathedral.

The Rev Clive Jones, Vicar, St John the Evangelist, Pendlebury (Manchester), to be Vicar, Attleborough (Coventry).

The Rev Dr Gordon Kendal, General Secretary, Fellowship of St Alban and St Sergius, Oxford, to be Vicar, St Anne and All Saints, South Lambeth (Southwark).

The Rev Neil MacGregor, Rector, Wem with Lee Brockhurst, and Priest-in-charge, Loppington w Newtown, to be also Rural Dean of Wem and Whitchurch (Lichfield).

The Rev Canon Hugh Marshall, Chief Secretary, Advisory Board of Ministry, Church House, Westminster, to be Vicar, Wendover (Oxford).

The Rev Pauline Millward, Assistant Curate (NSM), St John's, Warley, to be Priest-in-charge, St Hilda's, Halifax and Halifax Town Missioner (Wakefield).

The Rev Andrew Montgomerie, Team Vicar, St Michael, Solihull, to be Priest-in-charge, St Peter, Balsall Common (Birmingham).

The Rev Graham Newton, Vicar, Stevenage, Holy Trinity, to be Team Rector, Dunstable (St Albans).

The Rev David Osborn, Team Vicar, Langtree Team Ministry, to be Team Rector, Langtree Team Ministry (Oxford).

The Rev Julian Ould, Rector, Peakirk with Glinton, to be Rector of the Isles of Scilly (Truro).

The Rev Samuel Ritchie, Chaplain, HM Prison, Wymott, to be Priest-in-charge, Helmingham with Framsden and Pettaugh with Winston (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich).

The Rev Julian Scharf, Priest-in-charge, West Ham, to be Vicar, West Ham (Chelmsford).

Canon Gordon Taylor, Vicar, Beighton, Sheffield, to be Vicar, St John the Evangelist, Goole (Sheffield).

The Rev Phillip Tovey, Team Vicar, Banbury Team Ministry, with responsibility for St Francis LEP, to be Team Vicar, Wheatley Team Ministry, with responsibility for Holton, Waterperry, Waterstock and Albury (Oxford).

The Rev John Truman, Chaplain of Acklington Prison and Team Leader of the Acklington and Castington Chaplaincy Team, to be also an Honorary Canon of Newcastle Cathedral (Newcastle).

The Rev Paul Whitehead, Assistant Curate, Mansfield Woodhouse, to be Associate Priest, St Paul's, Carlton with special responsibility at Colwick (Southwell).

The Rev Richard Willcock, Rector, Framlingham w Saxted, to be also Rural Dean of Loes (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich).

The Rev Keith Williams, Assistant Curate (NSM), Netherfield with Colwick, to be Associate Priest (NSM), Gedling, with special responsibility at Netherfield (Southwell).

The Rev Michael Wright, to be Priest-in-charge, St Edmund's, Anchorage Lane, Doncaster, and part-time Chaplain to Doncaster Royal and Montagu Hospitals (Sheffield).

THE BRILLIANT FRIGATE

To the Editor of The Times

Sir,

A trifling error having crept into your account relative to Captain Blackwood's gallant action with two French frigates in July 1st, I beg you will be pleased to publish the following relation. Its authenticity may be thoroughly relied on:

Captain Blackwood, of his Majesty's frigate *Brilliant*, of 28 guns, being on his return from Lisbon to Newfoundland, was driven by adverse winds and tempestuous weather in sight of the island of Tenerife.

On the day following (27th July), Capt. B. was tempted to look close into the Bay of Santa Cruz, with a view to discover whether or not a French privateer, which he had chased the preceding evening, might not be at anchor there. To his utter surprise, he saw two large French frigates at anchor, who immediately slipped their cables, and came out in pursuit of him.

Captain B. had soon the mortification to find that he had no hope of escape. In this distressing dilemma, he at once determined to do his duty as a British officer, and leave the rest to Providence. It would be taking up too much of your paper were I to enter into detail: suffice it to say, that no man ever displayed more skill and bravery than Captain B. on this most trying occasion, and that after a conflict of one hour with the first frigate that came up, and sustaining near another hour's cannonading from them both (the *Brilliant* at this latter period being becalmed and unable to bring a single gun to bear on the enemy), he, by mere dint of seamanship, weathered so far on his opponents, as to get without the reach of their guns.

Your most obedient humble servant,
A True Friend to Merit

ON THIS DAY

November 20, 1798

The present frigate HMS Brilliant, *familiar to television viewers, bears the name of a distinguished but lesser-known predecessor.*

Saturday morning his Majesty, attended by a number of Noblemen, rode to Ascot heath, where a famous deer was turned out for the day's diversion.

Taking first for the New Mile Course, he ran by Shrub Hill for Blackness, and turning back, made for Swinley, the hounds keeping close at his heels, following him across the Camp ground to Waltham Common, where he crossed the Thames at Down Place.

Being met by the sportsmen on the other side, he made for the stable near Dancey, where he was taken last year, which being shut, he set off and got into the Thames again by the heights, near Monkey's Island, where the dogs kept him at bay, and tiring him out, he was taken by the people in punts.

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NEWS

BBC reviews links with Palace

■ Marmaduke Hussey, the Chairman of the BBC Board of Governors, has been forced to re-examine the corporation's 70-year-old special relationship with Buckingham Palace in the wake of tonight's controversial *Panorama* interview with the Princess of Wales.

Conditions imposed by the princess could cause a serious rift between the guardians of the BBC charter and its programme makers ..... Pages 1, 18, 19

8p in £ tax cut option

■ Kenneth Clarke would have to cut the standard rate of income tax by 8p in the pound to restore an average married male taxpayer to the position he briefly enjoyed in 1992-93 just before the last general election — a system widely credited with helping the Conservatives to win ..... Pages 1, 18, 19

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John Major has been warned that he faces a fresh bout of Conservative infighting over Europe if he makes a manifesto pledge to keep Britain out of a European single currency until 2002 ..... Page 1

Peace proposals

The Irish Government and Sinn Fein responded coolly to John Major's latest proposals on the peace process ..... Page 2

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A festival marking the bicentenary of Robert Burns's death has been thrown into disarray by the elements which vexed Scotland's national poet during his life: sex and money. The Burns International Festival, a year-long, Scotland-wide celebration, is £100,000 short of funds and finding sponsors has not been helped by the disappearance of its chairman, who left his wife and family for another woman ..... Page 3

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Members of London's Tower Hamlets Labour council, one of the country's poorest, spent £7,000 of taxpayers' money on a weekend summit in a four-star hotel to try to improve their image ..... Page 4

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Dozens of families of murder victims have lost the chance to receive government cash after a legal row over a new compensation scheme ..... Page 5

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People who commit suicide may damage and destroy the friends and family they leave behind. Sorrow and self-doubt are compounded by the stress of police inquiries and the inquest . Page 6

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Peking, bowing to American pressure, agreed to cut import tariffs, paving the way for its accession to the World Trade Organisation ..... Page 8

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Rival Egyptian Islamic groups claimed responsibility after a car bomb wrecked the Egyptian Embassy in the Pakistani capital of Islamabad, killing as many as 17 people, including two Egyptian diplomats ..... Page 9

Tamil defeat

The Sri Lankan Army claimed to be 800 yards from the centre of Jaffna, the collapsing headquarters of the Tamil Tigers ... Page 9

Polish vote

President Walesa was neck-and-neck with Aleksander Kwasniewski, a former communist, as Poles cast their votes to decide the next head of state ..... Page 10

Peace talks caution

Bosnian peace negotiators were on the verge of reaching agreement, although American and European officials continued to warn that the deal could come apart ..... Page 11

A wealth of interest in the stars

■ The Abbey National has discovered the key to financial wellbeing: the stars. Their branches now offer a 16-page booklet offering financial tips for each Zodiac sign. Taureans are wise investors of "time, skill and money", and Leos "can spot a bargain at a thousand paces". So do the Abbey's experts rely on astrology? "Er, no," says a spokeswoman ..... Page 1



Engineer Alan Dillon installs telephones at London's BT Tower, the nerve centre for Friday's annual Children in Need Appeal

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Boxing: Paul Weir lost his WBO light-flyweight title to Jake Matlala, of South Africa, in a controversial stoppage of their bout in Glasgow but is hoping for a lucrative rematch ..... Page 29

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A 24-page supplement covering full league-table listings of secondary schools

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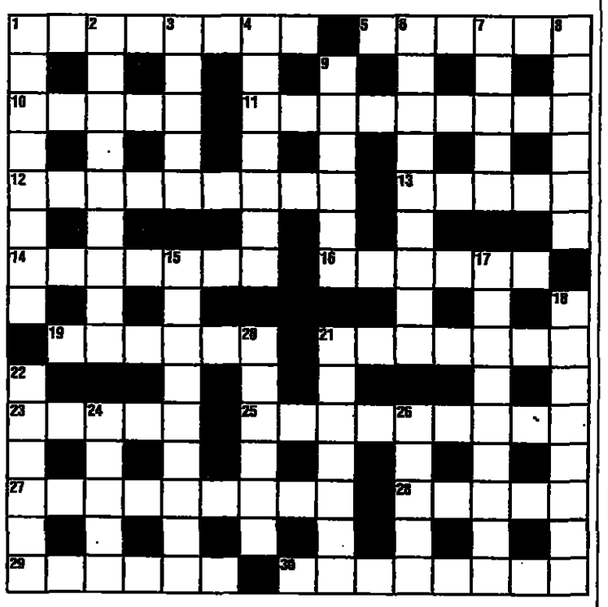
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THE PAPERS

Peace [in Bosnia] has come this close because of sharp recent shifts in the military balance and a concerted diplomatic effort by the Clinton Administration. Unless an agreement is locked up, these favourable conditions could quickly evaporate. The moment to make peace is now.

— The New York Times

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 20,017



ACROSS

1 Impostor was plainly injured — moved awkwardly (8).
5 Fool assumes it's wrong to offer help (6).
10 Player about to appear in a top spot (5).
11 Pedagogue travelled on, in very poor health (9).
12 Denouncing the mother country (9).
13 Long period before noon (5).
14 One craft, in part, is producing food (7).
16 How to make note not sound abrasive (6).
19 Gift of an ancient coin (6).
21 Insignificant person captures pawn, delivering check (7).
23 Swindles involving many in strikes (5).
25 Eccentric once — tried to be obscure (9).
27 People secured backing for such inheritance laws (9).
28 Plain where nothing green is to be found (5).
29 Stay in part of army camp (6).
30 One doesn't like to take animals without examination (8).

DOWN

1 Flag, which is quite normal (8).
2 Mites bursting into song — could be a bloomer! (9).
3 Counsels person painting Scottish island (5).
4 The current's dropping (3-4).
6 Where to maintain sailing vessels — or just their spars? (9).
7 Popular support's rising in the country (5).
8 Man relinquishing capital to occupy lodge, possibly (6).
9 A girl's embracing acceptable handsome youth (6).
15 To throw money around wildly proves to have a limit (9).
17 Top person here appears about the same (9).
18 Attending the big match or he'll swear! (8).
20 Hold-up man gets very little money in European city (6).
21 Aromatic stuff to cause arousal? (7).
22 Formal royal letters given academic introduction (6).
24 Hidden charges are lucrative sources (5).
26 Bond in action (double O seven) (5).

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KNOCKANDO

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20,016 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Knockando, a superb Speyside Single Malt Scotch whisky and a fine leather credit card wallet.

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Area within M25	731
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, Channel Islands, 12C (54F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland Islands, 3C (37F); highest rainfall: Lerwick, 0.24in, highest sunshine: Sandown, Isle of Wight, 8.0hr

FORECAST

☐ **General:** showery but some bright spells. After a touch of frost at first, many eastern and south-eastern areas will have a dry and bright day with a good deal of sunshine. Central areas will be dry and bright at first but cloud will thicken from the west later. All western parts of England and Wales will start the day quite cloudy and this cloud will thicken with outbreaks of rain by evening.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will have a bright day but rain will reach Northern Ireland during the evening.

☐ **London, SE England, E Midlands, Central N England:** dry with sunny periods. Cloudy later. Wind south-easterly light becoming moderate. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **E Anglia, E England, NE England:** cloudy with chance of a shower. Wind south-easterly light to moderate. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **Central S England, W Midlands, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll:** brighter intervals at first then cloudy with rain later. Wind south-easterly, mainly moderate. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales, N Ireland:** cloudy with rain spreading from the west. Wind south-east moderate to fresh. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** sunny intervals and isolated showers. Cloudy later. Wind south-easterly light to moderate. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **Outlook:** rather cloudy with showers or longer periods of rain in many areas.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

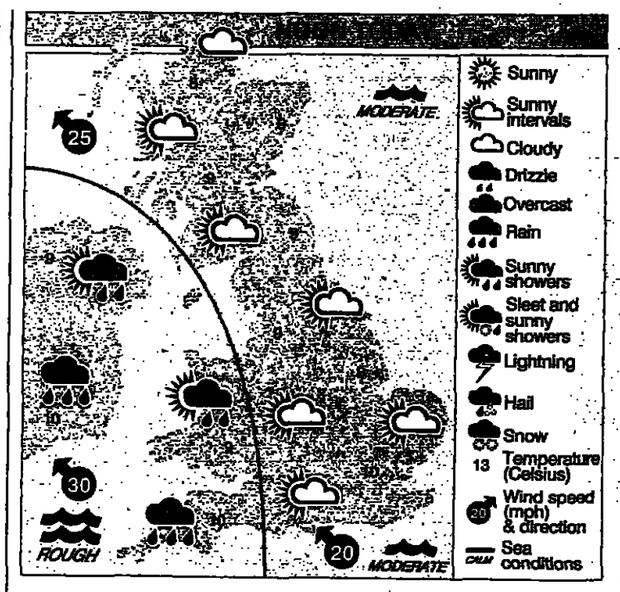
	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	F			Sun hrs	Rain in	C	F	
Aberdeen	0.9	0.13	8	46	sh	Liverpool	2.1	0.02	10	50	sh
Anglesey	5.6	-	11	52	s	London	6.4	-	10	50	s
Aspatria	5.3	-	10	50	b	Lowestoft	2.7	-	8	46	b
Aviemore	-	0.06	7	45	sh	Manchester	3.7	0.12	10	50	r
Belfast	2.2	-	9	48	b	Margate	4.5	-	9	48	b
Birmingham	6.3	-	10	50	sh	Minehead	7.6	-	11	52	s
Bognor R	7.9	-	9	48	s	Morecambe	6.3	-	10	50	s
Bournem'th	7.4	-	10	50	s	Newcastle	3.6	-	9	48	s
Bristol	7.9	-	11	52	s	Newquay	3.6	-	9	48	b
Buxton	3.9	0.15	8	46	s	Norwich	4.4	-	9	48	s
Cardiff	7.6	-	9	48	s	Nottingham	x				
Clacton	x	-				Oxford	7.2	-	10	50	s
Cleethorpes	x	-				Penzance	5.6	-	11	52	s
Colwyn Bay	-	0.06	10	50	c	Plymouth	x				
Dalmar	3.1	-	9	48	b	Poole	6.0	-	10	50	s
Dunbar	x					Prestatyn	x	-	10	50	sh
Eastbourne	6.8	-	9	48	s	Ross-o-wye	4.3	-	10	50	s
Edinburgh	3.8	-	11	52	b	Ryde	x				
Eskdalemuir	5.1	-	9	48	s	Salcombe	x				
Exmouth	7.1	-	9	48	s	Sandown	8.0	-	10	50	s
Falmouth	8.7	-	12	54	s	Saunin Snd	5.2	-	12	54	s
Fishguard	2.3	-	9	48	c	Scarboro'	5.1	-	8	46	s
Folkestone	4.2	-	9	48	b	Shanklin	7.2	-	9	48	s
Glasgow	2.6	-	10	50	b	Shrewsbury	3.0	0.02	9	48	b
Guernsey	3.9	-	12	54	s	Skegness	x				
Hastings	6.6	-	11	52	s	Southend	2.5	-	9	48	b
Hayling I	7.7	-	11	52	s	Southport	1.9	0.01	10	50	sh
Herne Bay	4.1	-	8	46	b	Southsea	7.8	-	11	52	s
Hove	5.8	-	10	50	s	St. Ives	x				
Hunstanton	5.5	-	9	48	c	Stornoway	1.4	0.10	8	46	sh
Ilfracombe	x					Swansea	7.9	-	10	50	s
Isle of Man	4.4	-	10	50	s	Teignmouth	6.5	-	10	50	s
Jersey	7.1	-	11	52	s	Tenby	x				
Kinloss	0.5	0.01	9	48	sh	Tiree	0.3	0.06	10	50	sh
Leeds	6.5	-	10	50	s	Torquay	6.3	-	12	54	s
Lerwick	-	0.24	3	37	du	Tynemouth	3.0	-	9	48	b
Leuchars	1.6	x	10	50	c	Ventnor	x				
Littlehmptn	7.3	-	10	50	s	Weymouth	7.6	-	10	50	s

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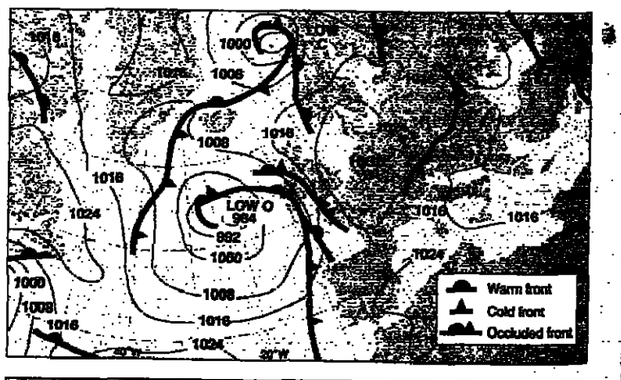
Ajaccio	16	61	c	Corfu	12	54	s	Madrid	18	64	f
Alicante	21	70	f	C'phagn	2	36	f	Majorca	17	63	f
Alex'dria	26	79	s	Dublin	6	41	s	Malaga	25	79	f
Algiers	22	72	s	Dubrovnik	7	45	s	Malta	18	64	f
Amst'dm	9	48	f	Faro	23	73	s	Mexico C	18	64	f
Athens	14	57	f	Florence	8	46	c	Miami	24	75	c
B Aires	18	64	r	Frankfurt	4	39	r	Milan	11	52	s
Bahrain	25	77	f	Funchal	23	73	f	Montreal	-1	30	x
Bangkok	X			Geneva	3	37	f	Moscow	-1	30	sn
Barbados	30	86	f	Gibraltar	23	73	s	Munich	1	34	f
Barcelona	14	57	f	Helsinki	-5	23	s	N Delhi	24	75	s
Beirut	21	70	f	Hong K	26	79	s	N York	7	45	s
Belgrade	3	37	f	Innsbruck	1	34	c	Nairobi	25	77	c
Berlin	4	39	c	Istanbul	7	45	f	Naples	11	52	s
Bermuda	22	72	s	Jeddah	32	90	s	Nice	14	57	f
Biarritz	10	50	s	Jo'burg	22	72	f	Oslo	3	37	f
Borde'x	6	43	s	Karachi	32	90	s	Paris	8	46	f
Brussels	7	45	r	L Angels	18	64	s	Peking	X		
Budapst	1	34	sn	L Palmas	28	82	s	Perth	X		
Cairo	26	77	s	Le Tquet	9	48	f	Prague	1	34	sn
Cape Tn	29	84	s	Lisbon	20	68	s	Reykjavik	4	39	r
Ch'church	22	72	s	Locarno	9	48	f	Rhodes	20	68	f
Chicago	3	37	sn	Luxembg	2	36	c	Rio de J	28	82	f
Cologne	4	39	f	Luxor	27	81	s	Riyadh	27	81	s

Rome	12	54	s	Tangier	27	81	f	Venice	6	43	f
S Fr'sco	13	55	c	Tel Aviv	22	72	s	Vienna	4	39	f
S Paulo	29	84	f	Tenerife	28	82	s	Warsaw	1	34	sl
Salzburg	0	32	sn	Tokyo	X			Wash'ton	7	45	c
Santiago	27	81	s	Toronto	3	37	c	Wel'ngton	16	61	s
Seoul	X			Tunis	19	66	c	Zurich	0	32	s
Sing'por	X			Valencia	22	72	s				
St'kholm	-2	28	s	Vanc'ver	13	55	c				
Strasb'rg	-2	36	sn								
Sydney	X										

Temperatures at midday local time. X – not available



Changes to chart below from noon: high B will drift east and decline slightly. Low O will move northeast and deepen slightly. Low C will fill as it drifts east



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	11:29	6.69	–	–	Leith	0:01	5.15	0:26	5.30
Aberdeen	11:26	4.11	11:35	4.25	Liverpool	9:00	8.77	9:19	9.09
Avonmouth	4:52	11.90	5:13	12.43	Lowestoft	6:59	2.52	7:52	2.47
Belfast	8:40	3.12	8:54	3.35	Margate	9.45	4.57	10:21	4.66
Cardiff	4.43	10.52	5:02	10.98	Milford Haven	3:56	6.32	4:14	6.62
Devonport	3:32	4.99	3:47	5:17	Newquay	2:52	5.94	3:11	6.21
Dover	8:40	6.23	9:01	6.29	Oban	3:51	3.59	3:56	3.87
Dublin	9:29	3.84	9:45	3.98	Penzance	2.26	4.99	2.44	5.18
Falmouth	2.43	4.65	3:04	4.78	Portland	4:28	1.91	4:43	1.90
Glasgow	11.00	4.04	10:53	4.28	Portsmouth	9:07	4.58	9:26	4.50
Harwich	9:22	3.74	9:56	3.92	Shoreham	8:56	5.91	9:19	5.90
Holyhead	8:03	5.30	8:24	5.49	Southampton	8:34	4.40	8:53	4.30
Hull	3:50	6.77	4:22	6.92	Swansea	4:01	8.64	4.17	8.87
Ilfracombe	3:39	8.54	3:58	8.86	Tees	1:09	4.96	1.42	5.11
King's Lynn	4:03	5.79	4.29	5.97	W'ton-on-Nze	9.21	3.84	9:53	4.19

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 7.26 am
Sun sets: 4.06 pm
Moon sets 2.58 pm
Moon rises 4.24 am

London 4.06 pm to 7.26 am
Bristol 4.16 pm to 7.37 am
Edinburgh 3.58 pm to 8.00 am
Manchester 4.06 pm to 7.45 am
Penzance 4.32 pm to 7.44 am

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